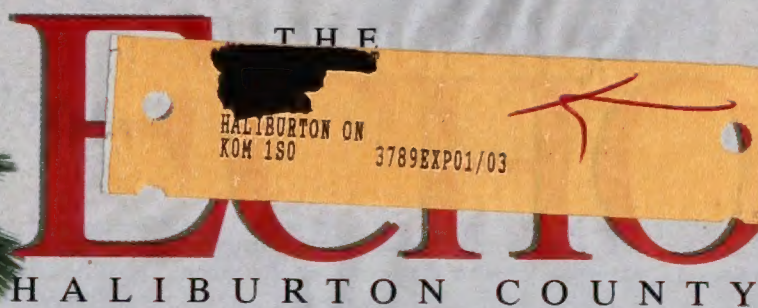


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Queen's Park is under Haliburton's influence

Chris Hodgson in charge
of SuperBuild fund

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

With his newly expanded role as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP Chris Hodgson will now have more money to spend on ways to improve economic growth

throughout the province.

Yesterday, Hodgson was given the responsibility of the SuperBuild fund and Smart Growth, which had previously come under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance.

"Now I can meet with municipalities, hear their concerns and hopefully have some dollars to help them," he said in a telephone interview late Monday afternoon.

See **Hodgson** page 19

Andrew Hodgson heads
Tories' administrative wing

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

First it was his job to get Ernie Eves elected as the new leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party.

Today, it's Andrew Hodgson's job to see that Premier Eves will lead his party

to re-election victory some time within the next two years.

Hodgson, who like his older brother Chris grew up in Haliburton, has been chosen as the Ontario PC's executive director.

"In the past four months," Eves says in a press release, "over 100,000 people have joined or re-committed to our party. We will need each and every one of these people as we move for-

See **"I have"** page 18

OPSEU blocks workers at MNR fire base

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Anita Marshall, a fire clerk for the Ministry of Natural Resources' Fire Operations Headquarters stood outside all morning yesterday handing out cookies and chatting because she was stopped from crossing a picket line by striking OPSEU members.

Marshall is considered an essential worker under the Essential Services Agreement and has been working through out the strike with two managers in the Haliburton office.

The mood on the line was jovial but you did not have to scratch the surface far to see tempers are starting to flare.

"The Ontario government has been extremely deceitful. This is not a happy situation," says Ron Mackenzie, work site representative.

The line was closed because

See **Fire** page 6



MARTHA PERKINSECHO

Hokey doodle!

With the help of Taylor Dobie, Tatum McTeague and Jillian Hawley, last Tuesday Stuart Baker Elementary School joined 879 other schools from across Canada - including Haliburton Highlands Secondary School - in setting a Guinness Book of World Record for the most people doing the hokey pokey all at once. As well as being a fun eight minutes, the event promoted physical activity.

Technical problems still plague sewage spill investigation

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The investigation into the December 17 sewage spill on Lake Kashagawigamog is continuing with new twists revealing unexpected problems within the operations of the sewage system.

Bill DeAngelis, acting operations manager for American Water Services Canada, was at Dysart et al council April 8 to report on progress being made.

He wants Dysart to change an electrical breaker in pumping station three in order to avoid problems caused by power surges. The breaker in use does not meet design specifications according to a manufacturer DeAngelis consulted.

As for the ongoing problem of persistent odours, he says they have not found any obvious, single cause.

Reeve Murray Fearrey put pressure on DeAngelis to put extra man hours in this month to finish the dye tests which are used to reveal whether or not

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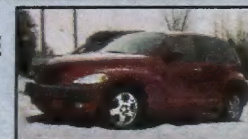
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news and events worth noting

Mental health task force in Minden

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS on how to improve the mental health system in Ontario? If so, please plan to share your views with the Central East (Whitby) Mental Health Implementation Task Force on April 25 at Hyland Crest. The task force's challenge is to advise the Minister of Health on provincial psychiatric hospital restructuring, community reinvestments and other associated requirements for the implementation of a reformed mental health system. The task force needs to hear from the public so that it can plan how best to implement changes. The task force will be at Hyland Crest in Minden from 1 to 3 p.m..

A workshop entitled Bridging the Gap for and about gay and bi-sexual youth between the ages of 14 to 25 years is being sponsored by the Rainbow Youth Coalition for bisexuals, gays and lesbians, Family Services and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. The all day workshop on April 23 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Haliburton Legion is intended to kick off a discourse about how homosexuals are treated in the county and what can be done to better the situation. Dino Paoletti from Toronto Youth Services will be speaking and there will also be a panel consisting of two local homosexual youth talking about the issue. The cost is \$15 for the day and includes lunch. For more information or to register call Family Services at 457-5345.

Highlands fans of Kate Campbell can catch a glimpse of her dancing performance in Theatre Sheridan's musical version of *Charlie's Aunt, Where's Charlie?* Performances run Wednesdays through Saturdays from April 17 to 27. "It's just a terrific show," reports her mother Lynda. The number to call for tickets is 905-815-4049. Kate, who grew up on Soyers Lake, is just finishing up her second year at Sheridan's theatre department. She's just been hired to do a couple of scenes for IMAX, which means coming soon she'll be on a really big screen at a theatre near you.

Congratulations to Sir Sandford Fleming College which rated above the provincial average in employer, student and graduate satisfaction surveys. In the study, 98% of students said they'd recommend the college to others, 93% of employers say they're happy with graduates' work and 78.5% of students said they were happy with the college's programs, services and resources (compared to the provincial average of 74.4%). Campus president Brien Desbiens says "these results show just how vital our community colleges are in training a knowledgeable and skilled workforce that builds Ontario's economy and the local economy."

If anyone is qualified to give a talk on "What would Bill Mason think of playboating", then it's probably the son of the legendary canoeist. On April 17, Paul Mason, a Canadian whitewater paddler, cartoonist and author, will take a light-hearted look at how his father pushed the limits of whitewater canoeing during his long career on the water, and where those limits are now as the sport of playboating explodes. The talk is at the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough at 7:30 p.m..

Routine traffic stop leads to arrests for car stolen in '99

A routine traffic stop on County Road 1 on April 3 led to the arrest of a young offender and two adults.

The 1998 Chev Cavalier they were in was reported stolen from the Toronto area in 1999.

Charged with driving with no insurance and using an unauthorized licence plate was a male young offender.

A female adult was charged with permitting a vehicle to be operated with no insurance and permitting the use of an unauthorized licence plate.

A male adult has been charged with possession of stolen property.

Dirt bike stolen

Two male young offenders were charged with possession of stolen property and breach of probation following the investigation into the theft of a 1989 Honda dirt bike stolen from a residence in Wilberforce on the night of April 5.

The bike was recovered two days later.

Impaired driving

A 51-year-old Minden man was charged with impaired driving, over 80 mgs and failing to remain at the scene following an accident on Bobcaygeon Road in the early morning of April 6.

The driver of a Ford pick-up had lost control on Bobcaygeon Road. The truck went over the sidewalk and collided with the corner of the Minden Times building.

A 38-year-old man was charged with impaired driving and over 80 mgs after police say he was driving in an erratic manner in Gooderham on April 6. The officers were on routine patrol.

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Parade launches Lions convention

*Highlights include
Brian Moore's
election as governor*

Anyone who loves a parade will want to be in downtown Haliburton this Saturday.

That's the day 400 Lions from all over the place will be celebrating the District A-16 Lions Club Convention with a parade! It begins at 10 a.m. and runs along the main street of the village, taking a route much the same as the Santa Claus Parade.

Haliburton Lions Club President David Mills says there'll be floats, marching bands, antique cars and a few surprises.

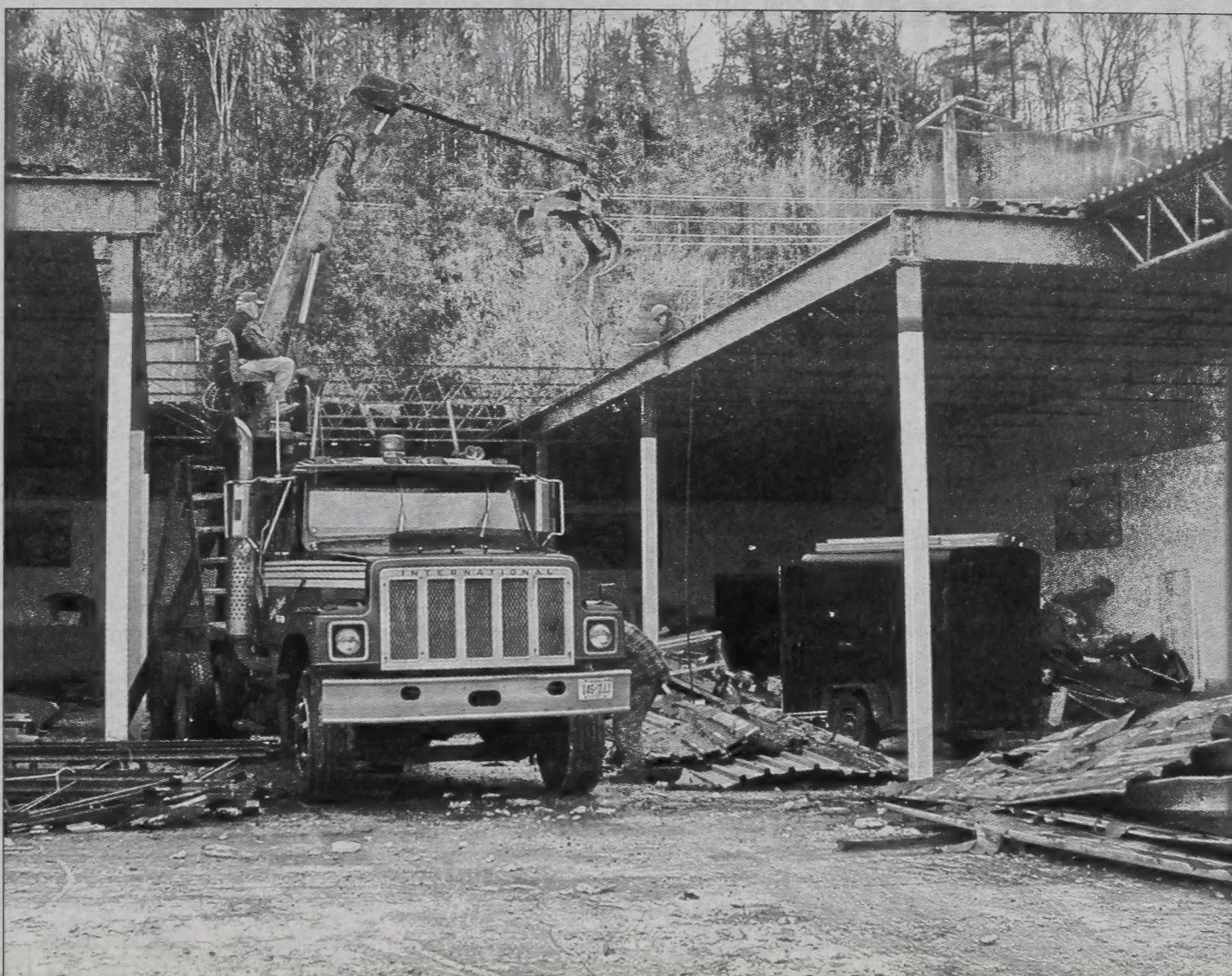
Also scheduled for the convention is Dr. Dennis Cobler, Past International Director of Lions International.

Cobler, an optometrist living in North Muskegon, Michigan, will be speaking following the convention banquet, which starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Delta Pinestone Inn.

He was elected to serve a two-year term as director of the International Convention, held in Birmingham, England, June 29 to July 3, 1998.

A member of the Muskegon Northside Lions Club since 1980, Past Director Cobler has held many offices within the association, including club president and district governor. In addition, he has served as zone chairman, membership chairman and extension chairman. Cobler is the recipient of many, many awards - too many to list here.

Another big event happening this weekend will be the election of Minden resident Brian Moore as District Governor.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Down she goes

It takes months to build a new grocery store but only a few days to tear an old one down. Last week, Larry Hewitt and his crew made short work of the old IGA in downtown Haliburton. The empty space will be turned into parking.

Winterfest gets a seasonal makeover

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

A new Summerfest has been approved for the last weekend in June to take place in Glebe Park.

Lou Trepanier, chairman of the Haliburton Festive Committee, which is also responsible for Winterfest, made a request to council to use the park and outlined the committee's proposal.

Essentially group members do not want to interfere with any existing Canada Day celebrations so they'll be

holding activities on June 29 and 30.

Trepanier says they would like to work with a newly created Glebe Park Development Committee to clear some additional campsites and clean up the park.

Summerfest would have trailer camping for families, live music, a day of games for children, horse-drawn wagon rides and a food concession run by volunteers.

Partners in the event are the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 and the Haliburton Highlands Sustainable Forestry Association.

Trepanier says, according to a calendar of events listed in a Haliburton travel guide, there are no other events scheduled in the region for this weekend.

He is not asking for any financial assistance from the council at this time; councillors expressed their support.

The new Glebe Park Development Committee is comprised of the reeve, Len Pizzey, Peter Overington of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, area residents Don Stephenson and Gerald Irish, and councillors Leon Jones, Jerry Walker and Nancy Roberts.



Meredith Brown is using her birdhouse as part of her portfolio for her interview at Queen's University.



Craig Hughes was amazed by how the art students turned his woodworking class's birdhouses into works of art.

Beautiful homes are for the birds at Sunday's fundraising auction

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

If cuckoo birds could actually stick to one nest, then this would be an ideal house because it's as crazy as a birdhouse can get.

Spray painted in gold, covered in kinder toys, puzzle pieces, an old watch, toothbrush and an assortment from the junk drawer including one arm - this house isn't fit for the birds, it's far more of a conversation piece.

Craig Hughes' eyes nearly bugged out when he saw what had happened to the plain simple wooden birdhouses he and Grade 11 woodworking classmates had put together in a couple of days.

Rose Pearson's senior art class got a hold of the six birdhouses and trans-

formed them into the kind of homes Robin Leach would have toured on the *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous* - if he had branched into the animal kingdom.

They are so unique, OAC student Meredith Brown was using hers as a portfolio piece in her interview with Queen's University before donating it to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

The foundation will be auctioning off six birdhouses donated by the high school students during the Dining With The Doctors event on April 21 at the Old Country House in Haliburton. With a menu created by chefs from the Old Country House and the Domain of Killien, along with chocolatier Ron Tentorey, the evening promises to be a culinary treat. Tickets are \$100 each.

Echo reporter has newspapers in her blood

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

No I am not related to Foster Loucks.

No I am not a student.

No this is not my first job at a newspaper.

It may seem an odd way to introduce oneself by defining who they are not; however, in this business we like to get the most important facts at the top of the story and the above are the answers to the most frequent questions I have been asked in the Highlands.

With that out of the way, who I am is a 27-year-old journalist born and raised in Trenton, Ontario, who cannot remember ever not having ink-smudged fingers.

My addiction to the printed word, in particularly those on newsprint, is come by quite honestly. I am the fourth generation in the Loucks clan to be a newspaper reporter.

My father and his parents owned and operated the *Frankford Advertiser*, a small weekly newspaper. Some of my

earliest memories are of standing on my tiptoes in the *Advertiser* darkroom watching with fascination in the orange-red glow of the safelight, images ripple and waver into focus on glossy paper floating in the developing trays.

The smells dominate my memories of this industry before the advent of computers, scanners and digital cameras. The smell of the pots of thick gooey black ink, the pungent odour of my Dad's red correction marker on the page negatives, the heady fumes of the photo processing chemicals and nose-tickling dust amidst the stacks of old papers.

My family sold the paper when I was about nine and my Dad passed away when I was 18. His parents closely followed him but the lessons they taught me about this trade remain deeply ingrained.

My mother, knowing the rigours of the job, had higher aspirations for me in mind. Those hopes were dashed when I was unexpectedly asked to write a column about my high school

CATHY OLLIFFE/Echo



Sheryl Loucks's job as *The Echo's* new summer reporter means she's quickly become immersed in Highlands life, including covering the OPSEU strike at the MNR's fire base in Haliburton.

for the local paper, *The Trentonian*.

At the age of 16, I saw my first by-line in black and white and was hooked. The paper hired me as a freelancer, launching a career that has now spanned a decade, with articles appearing in over a dozen newspapers from weeklies to dailies to *The*

Toronto Star.

I also took a year off recently to travel to Australia and New Zealand, where I concentrated on volunteer work, most notably by building a walking track through the King Billy Pines in a world heritage zone in Tasmania called Cradle

Mountain Park.

My travels taught me to pack light, and that the best asset you can have is a big smile. Considering the beauty of my new surroundings, the talent of my colleagues and the friendliness of those in this community - I'm sure you'll be seeing a lot of it.



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TOM KOVACS

Special to The Echo

For the next month we will be treated to a special celestial event: an alignment of all the naked-eye planets in the evening sky.

Also, as a bonus for this week only, the moon will join the fray, meaning there will be six regularly spaced solar system bodies jutting out of the Western horizon.

The chart shown here depicts the sky as it will appear at 8:40 p.m. this Wednesday. But note that its use may be extended for the next four weeks — your guide to an event that will not be repeated on this date in our lifetimes.

Cut the chart out and use it each evening to track the shuffling movements of the planets. To do this, draw little ticks where you see them appear to move in relation to one another. Do it only two or three times and you will find yourself easily identifying the planets!

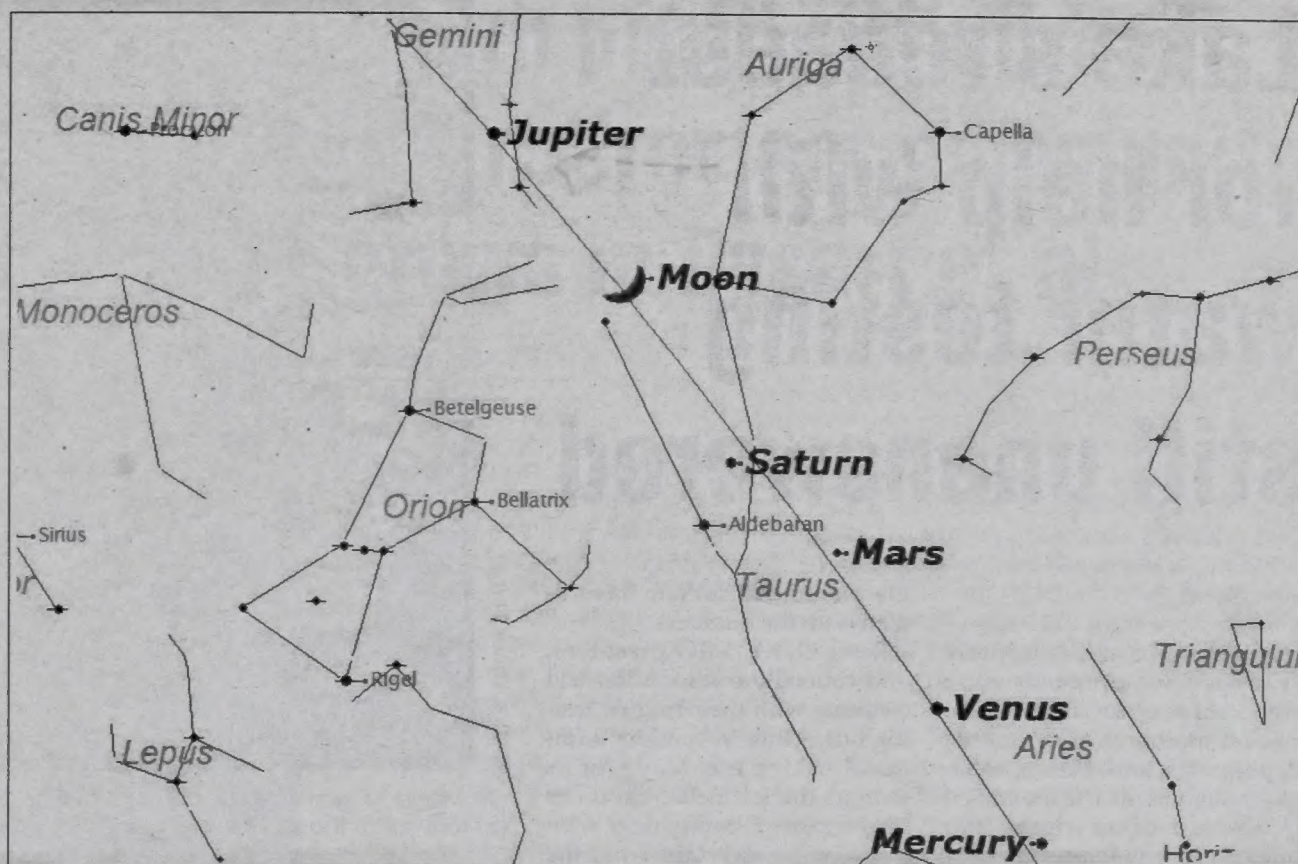
What is happening is only a chance alignment, or simply a "line-up" of planets. Scientifically speaking, it is relatively unremarkable despite what all the doomsayers say — but more on that in a bit. Let me give you the highlights so you can follow the planets along with your chart.

Mercury will be toughest to find, but there are some tricks to make it easy. It is bright, but the problem is that it's so close to the horizon. If you are surrounded by hills or trees you will have to move to a position allowing you to see into the distance. Any place that allows you to see the sunset will be fine; in Haliburton a good spot would be up at Skyline Park — from there Mercury will be unmistakable.

Pay close attention to the time — you can't wait until it is fully dark because Mercury will have set by then. No later than 8:40 p.m. would be a good time to start looking — just above where the sun had set.

Surprisingly few have actually seen this planet, so try and give it a shot! The best trick to find it with is to use the moon. On the 16th the moon will be right beside Saturn, a wondrous sight in itself. Extending a line from this pair to where the sun had gone down points you straight to Mercury, and all the other planets are along this same line (known as the Ecliptic). The chart may look a bit odd to you now, but, once you compare it to the evening sky, it will seem very straightforward.

The next night, Wednesday the 17th, the moon will have moved up a notch, filling the gap between Saturn and Jupiter, the highest planet. This is the night the chart is based on, an event you don't want to miss!



This chart is based on April 17th at about 8:40 p.m., but is useful for another month. To use it, find a good view of the West (where the sun had set) at around 8:30 p.m. and watch for the planets as they pop out into the darkening sky. If you hold your fingers out at arm's length, Mercury will be only two or three finger-widths from the horizon. The bottom of the chart is the horizon; the moon is a 45-degree angle up into the sky. The stick figures in the background are outlines of some winter constellations.

On the 18th, the moon will join Jupiter, again a beautiful sight. After the 18th the moon will have left the planets, but watch over the next two weeks as they get tighter and tighter, until the first week of May, when four of the planets bunch up into a tiny ball no larger than your fist held at arm's length! By following along with your chart you will have no difficulty identifying each planet. This promises to be one of astronomy's most incredible sights.

Now to what I was saying about the "doomsayers". For thousands of years people had always been frightened of these events because they look so unusual. To the ancient Chinese, such a grouping would foretell a change in a dynasty, the ruling power. Later, Genghis Khan came to power under a similar grouping in 1226, and he killed less during subsequent conjunctions (so I guess these celestial events are not always bad!) But astrologers generally saw only bad omens in these events in just about every culture in history.

In the past century or so, an attempt was made to be more specific on the reason for the need of panic. This was said to be that since all the planets are lined up with the sun, gravitational tides would increase dramatically, causing widespread damage to earth. Disasters (which means "Bad Star") would include tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanoes and the like.

But rest assured! The only danger is in scare-mongers trying to sell you books and tabloids to get their hands on your

money. A few calculations show, for example, that by standing in a bank "line up" with a few people in front of you, you are in fact receiving several times more gravitational influence from them than you are from all the planets!

As for astrologers always casting gloomy horoscopes during conjunctions, consider this: during World War II, Adolf Hitler's right-hand man, Rudolf Hess, made an unauthorized flight into Scotland in a vain attempt to end the war. The date was May 10th, 1941, a date chosen by Hess's astrologer — who knew of the planetary line up on that date. When Hitler learned of the incident (and of the astrologer's role in it) he was so enraged he ordered the death of the astrologer and almost a thousand others across Germany. And not a one of them saw it coming.

Well, enjoy the event, folks! You are welcome to join me at Haliburton Forest Observatory on Wednesday evening (the 17th) for high-powered views of the planets. Call the Forest for details. I will also be there Saturday night. Also, Sir Sandford Fleming College has asked me to teach an introductory astronomy course in the fall, so check their schedule if you are curious about the heavens above. Any other questions? Phone me at 457-1043 or e-mail me: kovacs_is@canada.com

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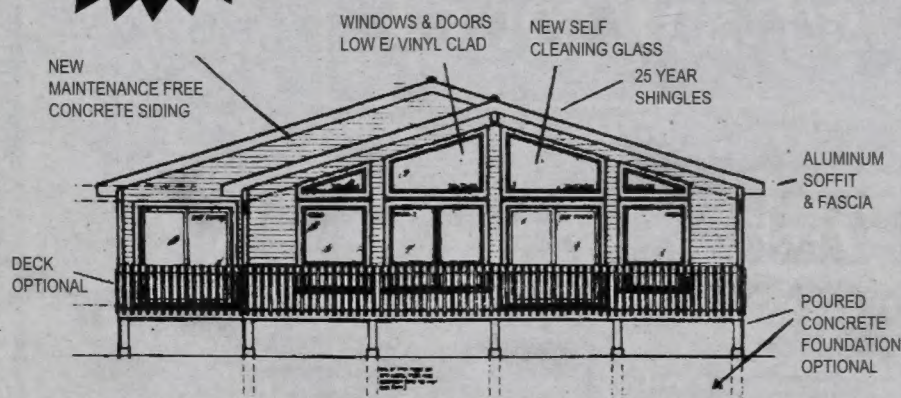
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Lake's request for help with water testing still unanswered

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septic systems were properly destroyed when homes were connected to sewer lines.

So far there aren't any but not all properties have been tested.

Although 68,000 litres spilled as a result of an alarm that failed to go off, alarms are now going off at the rate of four per day, preventing workers from actually performing normal maintenance, says DeAngelis.

Bell has suggested installing new equipment to improve the flow of data that cannot get through crackling or static-filled telephone lines.

Fearrey says a similar, dedicated line system has not worked for the county so the company will further research this option.

Water tests

Councillors have yet to decide whether they will give the Lake Kashagawigamog Association (LKO) the \$700 it wants for water-testing costs but they are looking into the cost of a joint effort in retaining an independent company or person to do the testing.

Councillor Jerry Walker says it is not a matter of Dysart trusting the association but assuring

the public that no one has fiddled with the numbers.

Peter Oyler, LKO president, told council the association will continue with their routine testing but wants to conduct additional testing this May – or as soon as the ice melts – in order to compare E-coli counts with last May to ascertain what the impact of the sewage spill on the lake has been.

He explained that, not only has the association purchased the equipment for water quality testing, but it has also been running the samples down to an independent lab in Lakefield to have a comparison with its own results.

The biology department of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is also getting involved with Grades 11 and 12 students proposing to collect lake bed samples to study the animal content of the spill site and see if it is relative to other areas of the lake.

Oyler says the funding request is a one-time thing and he believes the results will go a long way to easing residents' minds about the water quality. At the same time it will ensure both Dysart and the association have taken a responsible stance on the issue.



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

On Monday morning, Cynthia McPhail negotiated with the management to allow Anita Marshall to go to work at the MNR's fire base in Haliburton. Her entry had earlier been blocked by OPSEU pickets.

Fire coverage not affected by strike

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of seven violations of the ESA by management. The Ontario Public Service Employees Union has filed the violations with the labour board and Mackenzie expected a reply by the end of the day.

Dave Brown, a manager who has been negotiating with the union, says there has been a difference of opinion in interpreting the ESA.

Brown added in general relations have remained cordial between those on strike and management in Haliburton.

In the meantime, Cynthia McPhail, picket captain, says they have locally negotiated an agreement allowing Marshall and a three man crew in.

"Management has been asking the essential workers to redecorate the office, move furniture, bring vehicles over - non-essen-

tial jobs. They are calling in emergency staff when there has been no emergency," says McPhail.

Mackenzie says management is being urged by the government to go against the grain and agitate the OPSEU members.

Scott Milburn says the crews who work out of the headquarters are all casual seasonal employees with contract recall rights. What they want is to be treated the same as regular staff.

Other than that issue, Mackenzie says the fire operations staff have no particular issues outside of general OPSEU bargaining for wages, pension control and the demand for equal footing with other unions the province negotiates with.

Marshall explained that being held out for the morning does not impact fire protection for the region nor has the strike that

began on March 13 because of agreements with municipalities.

The same can not be said in MNR's conservation division.

Tim Rochette, a conservation officer from Minden, who was at the Fire Operations Headquarters line, says the Ontario Conservation Officers' Association has reported 70-plus cases of poaching from information coming in that has not been investigated nor charges laid.

Rochette says MNR enforcement supervisors are now suppose to be patrolling with turkey season to begin in 10 days but he is skeptical at to what 26 supervisors can accomplish in the province in comparison to the 200 officers.

He will soon find out as the strike continues for a rumoured two to three week period although Mackenzie puts no stock in the rumours.

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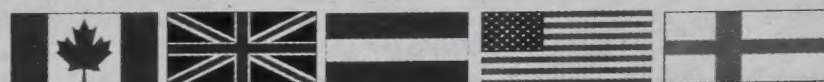
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Talent showcase

The level of musical talent in the Highlands was in evidence on Wednesday night when the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival hosted Festival Highlights. There were more than 30 performances, including those by the Haliburton County Children's Chamber Choir directed by Lorelyn Morgan, above, and HHSS violinist Clara Suh, left. The Festival is sponsored by the Haliburton County Echo. Thanks to the generosity of local donors, more than \$3,500 was presented to various participants as scholarships.



LEN-PIZZEY/Echo

Youth population drops but retirement community grows in Dysart et al

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Contrary to census data which report a decrease in population in Dysart et al, impact data provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation show an average annual growth increase of 1.65% during a 15-year period.

At a recent Dysart et al meeting, Reeve Murray Fearrey said dysart has "done our own census" to counteract Statistics Canada's claim that the municipality's population has decreased by 8.4%.

Pat Martin, Dysart's planner, says the data suggests a decrease in annual growth in the zero to 19 age range. The age group has decreased as a total percentage of the population from 25.5% to 16.5%.

However, she says this drop in popula-

tion is compensated by an increase in the 66-plus years category from 17.7% to 25.5% of the population.

Martin explained there is an increasing trend of cottagers retiring to the cottage and becoming permanent residents.

"It's important from a planning perspective because the needs of seasonal residents are different from the permanent population. We need to look at the impact on emergency services for some of the roads, shopping, medical and social needs," says Martin.

With the implementation of a 911 system, she says the municipality can reasonably expect a 2% increase in population annually.

Census 2001 not only has Dysart's population shrinking, but it has also reduced the municipality's land mass. Dysart has compiled information to try to get Census 2001's figures changed.

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Highlanders make their mark in politics

For years, Haliburton has been called a hockey town. Former NHLers Ron Stackhouse and Bernie Nicholls got their start here (although West Guilford lays true claim to being their home towns) and hundreds of other young boys have hoped the hockey magic will rub off on them, too. But maybe we should start thinking of ourselves as a political town.

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editorial

— martha perkins

Chris Hodgson was repeatedly referred to as the premier's "heir apparent." Hodgson's brother, Andrew, is getting used to his new office as executive director of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario. Behind the scenes, Kelly Mitchell is on the premier's powerful transition team and Barry Devolin has been given the job of doing the groundwork in Dufferin Peel Wellington and Grey to make sure Ernie Eves gets elected in the by-election. All four men grew up in Haliburton which by many standards is not a very big place. (As Stuart McLean says on The Vinyl Café, "we may not be big, but we're small.")

How did this come about?

Well, there's little doubt that Chris Hodgson had something to do with it. When he started rising quickly through the ranks of the cabinet, he brought in people he knew and trusted. Not surprisingly, many of them came from his home town. Given the cut-throat atmosphere of politics, however, patronage has a very short shelf life if that trust is not deserved. Every Haliburtonian with any sort of responsibility at Queen's Park is there because he's earned it.

Andrew Hodgson says that part of the reason why Haliburtonians are so successful in the political world is that they've already negotiated summers in cottage country. Haliburton is a unique blend of local residents, many of whom were born here, and cottagers and new residents who bring their urban tastes and sensibilities. In accommodating everyone, Haliburtonians learn to keep a broad perspective and avoid us-versus-them views.

Who knows, perhaps even now there is some student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School dreaming of being the next Highlander to join the team — the one wearing the Queen's Park jersey.

OPSEU end

While in many ways there's been little evident impact of the OPSEU strike in the Highlands, that doesn't mean we can blithely let it continue. In ways small and large, people have been affected by the withdrawal of services and there are mounting concerns about the lack of protection for our wildlife resources.

There's little public support for the type of pay increases OPSEU is demanding. OPSEU should recognize that fact and the government should recognize that when people pay taxes for services, they expect those services to work. It's time for the strike to end.



Steve Johnson kayaking on the Drag River in Haliburton

photo by Sheryl Loucks/Echo

Beaus and Errors

I could be wrong, but I'd bet there isn't an archer alive who hasn't used a bow and arrow at least once. Is it any wonder? Like many of the old archers I know, these ancient weapons have been around almost as long as civilization itself.

Archery gear helped feed our ancestors and accelerated humanity's natural genetic selection. Hey, if it weren't for the arrow there'd be a whole segment of society who'd think nothing of standing downrange with perfectly good apples balanced atop their heads. Sometimes it's easy to forget that these folks have been weeded out of the gene pool. Oh, sure, some descendants of William Tell's son still roam the earth — Carmen Miranda was one — but on the whole these geniuses are now few and far between thanks to concerned amateur archers. By the way, as evolutionary defense mechanisms go, the Carmen Miranda fruit headdress was perhaps the most flamboyant in all of the natural world. But I digress.

Even for outdoorsmen who are morally opposed to shooting produce, the bow and arrow presents all kinds of magical possibilities. Still, as they say in the bow business, there are certain drawbacks.

The first problem is choosing the right equipment. The purchase of my first bow was a learning experience. In fact it looked curiously like a stick. I tried to take it back of course, but the guy who sold it to me reminded me that I purchased it with no strings attached.

After an archer has serviceable equipment though, there's still the need to practice. To gain competency, an archer must have a target suitable to his or her skills. That's why, in the beginning, I practiced on the broad side of a barn and had a better than even chance of hitting it, or, if not that, at least other outbuildings in the immediate vicinity. Pretty impres-

sive when you consider that not only did I teach myself to shoot but also skipped several classes.

Such was my success that before long, I graduated to the challenges of hay bale hunting, which is not as nearly as easy as it sounds. First of all, regardless of the number of decoys used or how well you called, they tend to be very hesitant about coming into range.

Fortunately, like all good bowhunters, I developed an uncanny ability to stalk inanimate objects; something I gleaned from my wife's technique of approaching me as I lounged on the couch. This just shows why a bowhunter must be a keen observer of nature.

Once close to your quarry, consistent shooting is the key to success. Knowing this, I was soon hitting targets with the almost the same consistency as they were hitting me — which is a subtle indication of exactly how close I

could get.

Even so, I knew I could have done better. And once, after I opened my eyes following the release of an arrow, it occurred to me that my accuracy problems might have something to do with some subtle nuance in technique. Such is the timeless mystery of archery. By the way, this is solution still eludes me today. On the flip side, my accuracy is absolutely consistent whether in daylight or pitch-blackness.

Lately, I've invited my wife out with me to help me hunt the wild and wily hay bale, having heard that farm girls like nothing more than a role in the hay. And, believe me, it's true. Just last week, we stalked the fields, slaying our limit of hay bales. It was magical and I asked Carol if she liked holding my arrows. She gave me this look that some might mistake for anger. But, believe me, I know she was all a quiver.

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The birds return

IT WAS A CRANKY AND DISTRACTED Diana who pulled on her rumpled clothes and tried to shush the excited Benjie, eager for his morning walk. She didn't want noise or bother right now and went through the motions of her morning routine with irritated resignation. Lately her nights were often spent tossing and turning in fitful, uneven sleep so she awoke tired and vaguely unhappy. Benjie, knowing none of this, only knew that this was his walk time and he could hardly wait to get out the door.

As Diana stepped out on the porch, she was overwhelmed with a symphony of bird calls. They were back. Having just emerged from the doldrums of late winter, she had forgotten how raucous and uplifting this chorus could be. What a pleasant surprise, Diana thought, descending her porch steps and starting down the road. The air was alive with whistles

and chirps, chortles and caws, some melodic and others brash or mischievous. Together they rose and fell on the cool morning air like feathers in a down-draft.

Walking past a stand of hemlock, the sound increased as though every branch hid a bevy of songsters hunched in the shadows. Diana felt her spirits lifting. As Benjie busied himself sniffing last night's deer tracks, Diana watched blue jays and chickadees, jonquils and black-

birds, morning doves and robins criss-

cross overhead. Soon the blackflies would be out, and Diana delighted at the thought of all these hungry birds.

Were the birds always so profuse and so full of song?, Diana wondered as she and Benjie strolled along the lake. Was it just that she noticed them more after the silence of winter or were they in fact more noisily evident at this time of the year or this time of the day? She made a mental note to check with a biologist friend of hers, hoping that this morning's pleasure would be re-enacted at least every morning until fall.

After their walk, and feeling much better, Diana had a fast shower and prepared a quick breakfast for herself and Benjie. Her niece was coming to visit today and Diana wanted everything nice. She threw together some muffins, washed the dishes and straightened the living room, running a critical eye over the dusty book shelves. Oh well. Her niece always said she came to see Diana, not the housekeeping, anyway. She finished just in time because there was the sound of crunching gravel as Kate pulled into the driveway. Benjie barked in welcome. The birds grew silent for a moment, then returned to their spring songs.

It was early afternoon. Diana and Kate were sitting in the kitchen having tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches when Benjie started barking. He was standing in front of the patio doors, nose smudging the glass between barks while his eyes were riveted to the small pond in Diana's backyard. The pond was mostly runoff, drying up in early summer. But this time of year it was quite large, overflowing at the back to make a small lake amongst the trees. Benjie was barking at a pair of mallard ducks, a female and male, that were paddling about as if they had lived there forever. Benjie seemed to be taking their presence as a personal affront.

For a few minutes, Diana and Kate watched the beautiful birds, the male's rich green feathers, the female's mottled camouflage brown, as they skimmed over the surface and arched their necks into the shallow water. Diana said she wished they could be there always, they looked so enchanting, so full of life. A cloud passed across Kate's face. She wondered what if the birds built a nest by the pond - it was nesting time, wasn't it, Aunt Diana? Then, when the water shrunk and eventually disappeared, they and their little family would be stranded. What would happen to them?, she wanted to know. And what should they do now, to prevent such a calamity?

Diana thought for a minute before replying. She didn't know if her answer was the right one, but it seemed so to her. As far as she was concerned, ducks knew what they were doing. They had probably been flying over and landing in temporary spring water bodies for hundreds of years, maybe even thousands. And if they nested and hatched ducklings in these places, they probably had a way of coping with the water drying up. Nature had a way of providing for such circumstances. Just because we didn't know in advance how the birds would cope did not mean there was a need for concern. The best thing to do, in Diana's opinion, was do nothing. Let the birds look after themselves.

It was unfortunate, Diana continued, pouring them both a mug of tea, that we humans kept interfering with nature the way we do. If only we could leave it alone, there would be so many fewer problems in this world. Kate nodded her head. She had taken environmental studies at university and during those years she and Diana had had many conversations on this same subject. Kate spoke with a shudder of the lawns that would soon be studded with pesticide and herbicide warning signs. Birds and pets and children can't read such signs. Why were people allowed to do such things?, she wondered. Diana told Kate of her morning walk, of the sound of the birds' return echoing through the air. Perhaps, she mused, if more people could hear what she had heard, they wouldn't be so quick to put those birds, and all the other creatures, at risk. "But as for us," she said, rising from the table, "we should take every chance we have to enjoy it ourselves. Let's go see if the afternoon is as noisy as this morning." They slipped the leash onto Benjie and headed out, wondering if the ducks would still be there when they returned.



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Pic of the Past



The pensive woman in the portrait above is Lila Laking, also shown at right with her daughter Evelyn (Broadhagen). Lila was the wife of John Laking, and the daughter-in-law of William Laking, who was a major lumber baron in the early 1900s. John Laking drowned in Drag Lake in a canoeing mishap while taking pay to one of the company's lumber camps. His body was never found. Following John Laking's death, William Laking helped Lila build a house at the head of Haliburton's main street. Renovated and enlarged, the home is now *The Echo* office.

letters to the editor

Chamber funding not a lottery

To the Editor:

Your report of the Chamber of Commerce funding submission made for very interesting reading. As president of the previous board, I am deeply offended to be referred to as a giddy lottery winner or more recently, a kid in a candy store. For a three-time president who has participated in many funding proposals, the funding was a breath of fresh air but certainly not treated like a lottery win.

Early in 2000, at the onset of receiving the confirmation of the funding, I called a one-day planning retreat in order to ensure that all board members knew of his or her obligations, and also to ensure that they were knowledgeable as to the criteria of the Randolph Report Funding. Our manager, Peter Rigby, led us through the material step by step and at the end of the day we were very well informed, up to speed and full of excitement in the challenges ahead. In fairness to current president Diana Ferguson, she was not in attendance as she was away on an extended vacation.

Upon her return, Mrs. Ferguson and I discussed ways of controlling project funding and as a result she made up a simple system using a binder divided into sections noting each project and the money allotted. She did a great job! The checks and balances were then formally in place.

You quoted Mrs. Ferguson as saying she didn't know where the figures came from that Mr. Rigby used in last year's proposal. Again, in early 2000,

Mrs. Ferguson started to assist the office manager in the preparation of the monthly financial statements and the financial reporting to the board. Other than the usual house-keeping issues, there was never any indication that the existing checks and balances weren't working.

This past February, while talking to the new vice president, Jim Henwood, he indicated there was confusion as to what money was spent where. I offered to help in any way I could. I then asked Mr. Rigby (recently terminated), if he would be willing to return to the Chamber and assist in sorting out what went where. He indicated he would. I advised Mr. Henwood. To my knowledge, Mr. Rigby has not been contacted. I talked to the Chamber's auditing firm. The auditor involved indicated, that at time of audit, everything was in order. His report given at the annual meeting in the fall reflected his comments. I asked if he would be willing to attend the Chamber to assist in any way. He indicated he would be glad to. I advised Mr. Henwood. To my knowledge the auditor has not been contacted. Finally, in early March I received an email from Mr. Henwood through his executive assistant stating that after much discussion the board decided they were not in "trouble" after all and my services were not needed.

I have been asked why I haven't defended myself in this issue. Well I guess I have had enough, hence the reason for this letter. For it to be

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





Luke Lester is airborne on the red rocket he calls a sled; he and his brother, A.J., are chasing the snow and national racing titles this weekend.

RISKY BUSINESS

Snowmobile racing is dangerous, sure, but Lester brothers put passion ahead of the fear factor and let speed be their guide

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When it comes to racing, the Lester brothers make it a family affair and wouldn't have it any other way.

In their sixth year competing in the Canadian Snocross Circuit's national and regional events, Luke and A.J. Lester of South Lake have achieved many career firsts and have dominated nearly every race they have entered.

Luke, a 21-year-old Pro-Class Snocross racer, with the factory support of Polaris, is already assured of a second-overall in the national circuit and first provincially. Younger brother A.J., 17, a factory rider with Ski-doo, is virtually guaranteed top place in the provincial and national Snocross circuit's Semi-Pro classes. Each of them only has to enter his next race to claim their positions.

They say none of these accolades would have been possible if it wasn't for their family. In return, their parents – Mark and Barb Lester – feel they were rewarded with an invaluable gift: time together.

"Mark and I consider this a gift. It's a gift of time we've been given with our

children. They enjoy it and are doing well. We enjoy it and they welcome us to be a part of the team. It is a gift. Mark says often, 'One day we'll look back at these years and these are going to be the moments that have brought us the most joy.' A lot of work, a lot of money and a lot of time, but the most joy for memories," Barb says.

Mark beams when he speaks of his children.

"I'm really proud of them; their mother and I are proud to be their parents. It's not that often you get to work shoulder-to-shoulder with a 21- and a 17-year-old every weekend of the winter. How many parents get to do that with kids that age? Usually kids that age think you're an idiot and want to go some place without you."

"I've always looked up to them," A.J. says. "People have a favourite hockey player and they look up to them. Well, that's how my parents are to me. They've done a lot of things right. I see my life like theirs when I grow up."

In the bump and grind of Snocross the Lester family never forgets where they get their strength from.

"We pray as a family together every day before a race. Before the race starts,

all seven of us pray together ... [Luke and A.J.] give a lot of credit to their faith in God," Barb said.

The seven on the team are father Mark, the worrier, and guru; mother Barb, chef extraordinaire, nurse and the easy-going voice of reason everyone turns to; uncle Jeff Babineau who acts as driver and logistics co-ordinator; mechanics Steve Charity of Minden for A.J. and Tim George of Carnarvon for Luke; and the boys who race.

Mark, Luke and A.J. believe the dedication and skill of Steve and Tim over the six-year span have contributed to the numerous podium finishes.

Lester Brothers' Racing began when Mark and Barb believed an activity for their boys should involve the entire family. Since Mark's involvement with snowmobiling already existed with his magazines, *Supertrax International*, *Ontario Snowmobiler* and *Atlantic Snowmobiler*, the two believed it was a logical step to enter snowmobile racing.

"Other family members had their kids in hockey. Whatever we did we wanted to do as a family and we knew from the beginning that with Mark's business snowmobiling was going to be our lives. The only way you can do things that

consume your every moment is to include your family. Snowmobiling has always been a family thing to us," Barb says.

After a couple of years of watching races, the boys decided together to enter racing, about six years ago. Mark never thought the boys' racing would help the magazines more than the magazines helped them.

"I knew that [the magazines] would be a help for them in the early years but, as it turned out they are a help to the magazines' image because they've gained a great reputation," Mark said. He says the benefits are not only for the magazines but the sponsors as well.

Looking back everyone believes it was the right decision.

In their racing careers, Luke and A.J. have gone head-to-head and often end up pushing each other – sometimes right out of the race – but like any sibling rivalry these two wouldn't have it any other way.

"There is no such thing as better motivation than having your little brother ahead of you. There is nothing like it, and while I say he'll have to be just another competitor he will always be

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The Lester family: from left 'Uncle' Jeff Babineau, Mark, Barb, AJ and Luke.

Next year it's war

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A.J.. He will always be my brother and if he's in front I'll drive twice as hard to pass him," Luke says. "I know that if we're in the same race and he's behind me I know he sees me up ahead and I know he is trying to get to me. It's a motivator both ways."

This season Luke and A.J. have raced against each other and the results weren't always kind to either one of them. In one race this year Luke and A.J. battled, but A.J. came on the short end of it, finishing fifth while older brother Luke went on to win the race.

"There's some tension in the trailer afterwards, but I think it is a maturity thing. We'll probably have to have a meeting before the next year begins and say, 'Leave it on the track you can't bring this stuff home. It's just racing,'" Luke said.

"When they were both out on the race track, we have always made it clear to them that when you guys are racing you don't take each other out ... When push comes to shove you shouldn't be risking either of you finishing," Mark said.

At every race each parent handles their racing together in a different way. Barb detaches herself from the event by videotaping the races. The method has worked so well for her that Barb tells other mothers about it.

"It's therapy. My goodness, I tell all other moms or anybody who asks me how I can do this. It's the only way. It's like I'm removed from the situation but I'm watching them at the same time. When you're watching TV you can't do anything about it. I think it is a psychological thing that it sort of distances me but I'm still there. I wouldn't be anywhere else if I didn't have to be."

Father Mark, no less concerned for his sons, consumes himself with the technical needs of the team such as how the snowmobiles are running. He never forgets about the dangers to his boys even if the risk isn't as serious as some might think.

"This is a risky sport and so is pro hockey. People get their eyes poked out and arms and legs broken. People get hurt in this sport. There have been a number of competent pro level drivers this year who have been seriously injured in Canadian Snocross. We just thank God every time Luke and A.J. are out there on the race track."

Next year A.J. will leave the semi-pro ranks to compete against Luke for the entire season in the pro class.

"He and I will be fighting tooth and nail all year long. It should be interesting," Luke says.

Half-joking, A.J. says, "Next year it's

going to be war ... but it will be a friendly war."

In some racing situations, he says, the brotherly bond will probably supersede any need to pass. He can't imagine either one of them letting competition getting in the way of their friendship.

Mother Barb dreads next season when both of her boys will be competing in the same class every weekend, rather than the odd occasion this year.

"As a mom I want both to win, I want them both to excel, but in a race there can only be one winner. Next year is going to be my hardest but the boys are used to competing against each other. They have done it since A.J. was born. It's me who's sort of preparing for it."

Her difficulties will extend to her videotaping duties.

"How do I get both boys? Who do I tape? You don't want to show favouritism."

The brothers' latest national competition was at Horseshoe Valley Resort outside of Barrie, April 6-7, and the final race will be in British Columbia at the Sun Peaks resort outside of Kamloops this weekend, April 20-21. The B.C. race event organizers are paying for sled transportation costs, but not for racers and support crew.

To keep costs down, Luke says the only ones making the trip out are the two brothers and the two mechanics, Tim and Steve. Uncle Jeff is going, but he's paying his own way.

"It doesn't feel right if one of us isn't there ... It's going to be a learning experience, but we'll get through it," Luke says. "We all complement each other well. We all have what the other lacks, or vice-versa, and when someone isn't there something is missing."

Barb and Mark might call just to see how things are going, but believe the boys will be fine without them.

"I know they are in good hands ... I do a lot of praying on the side while I'm videotaping. That's the only way I can handle it because I couldn't let my boys go out without doing something. That's what I'll be doing here [while they are out in B.C.]," Barb says.

While the boys are shredding the snow, Barb and Mark will be planning their 25th anniversary trip together.

"We're the only people we know who have a motor home that doesn't move all summer. We just said 'You know what - we're going to take the motor home and we're going to go on a holiday.' The day they get back from B.C., we're going to be ready to go. This will be our 25th anniversary present and there is only so much you can do in one year."

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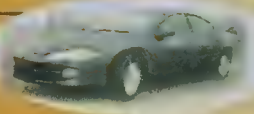
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It's getting to be that time of year again: the Raid the North and Salomon Adventure Challenge series happen at Bark Lake on the May 4 weekend.

Adventure racing training in 2002 has consisted of four navigation courses taught by Lawrence Foster of Team Subaru Outback.

The feedback from participants has been exceptionally positive as people have put their in-class learning into action in the field.

For those who were not able to make the navigation courses and those who are still interested in adventure racing training this year, there are still a few spots left for intermediate and advanced ART. Topics will include: paddling, mountain biking, teamwork, nutrition and navigation. Instructors include Karen Lukanovich, former Olympic paddler and designer of AR paddles; Tracey Buckley, former world cup mountain bike racer; and members of Team Subaru Outback, Canada's top adventure racing team. Meals and camping are included. For more information on upcoming training, visit www.raidthenorth.com.

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo



Dam fine

"There are only five days of the whole year where you've got good water to run," says Matt Hindman referring to an area on the Drag River near the Haliburton dam. And no, it wasn't the local kayaker's first time out this season - he and kayak buddy Steve Johnson were out two weeks ago, elsewhere. Don't try this at home, kiddies.

Chess champs earn berths in provincials

Lindsay Collegiate was the scene April 13 as 85 players battled for the right to attend the Chess Federation of Canada's provincial chess championship.

Players contested round robin groups of six with the winner and runner-up earning the right to continue. Last year two local players from this tournament, Kaila Grech and Alex Danilko, went on to represent Ontario at the national championships. These two were group winners once again, and they were joined by the following skilled players from the other divisions and groups. Notably, the Wright brothers flew through the tournament, and all three boys qualified, as did the Nichol brothers.

The following students have all qualified to compete in the provincial championships in Toronto in late May: under-10 group winners included Joshua Wright of Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES); other under-10 qualifiers included Thomas Nichol SBES; under-12 group winners included Kaila Grech of Gooderham Elementary School (GES); other under-12 qualifiers included Jessica Pasley of GES, Daniel Wright of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary (JDHES) and Curtis Nichol of JDHES; under-14 group winners included David Wright of JDHES, Daniel Riley of JDHES and Alex Danilko of Archie Stouffer Elementary.

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Sunday, April 28: Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Annual Open House features hot air balloon rides, fishing pond, entertainment, free tours of the fish hatchery, candy floss, refreshments, lots of fun for everyone! 705-457-9664. Location: Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery, County Road #1 Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Web: www.hhoa.on.ca.

Friday, May 10 - join us for our annual Sneaker Day Walk starting at the Minden Gazebo (bridge) at 11 a.m. For more information, please contact the Haliburton Kawartha Pineridge District Health Unit (705) 457-1391.

Advance notice

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MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Number one!

Andrew Mansfield was airborne during the Kawartha badminton championships held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School last Wednesday. The HHHS team ranked first at the end of the day with Andrew and teammate Cheryl Ripley placing first in the Senior Mixed category. They move to the COSSA championships in Belleville on April 24.

Alzheimer Society

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Volunteers Needed!

The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough (ASPA) is a community agency that serves the Counties of Peterborough, Northumberland and Haliburton. We have recently opened satellite offices in Coburg and Haliburton to better serve the needs of persons with Alzheimer Disease or related dementias in the Counties of Northumberland and Haliburton.

Volunteers are a vital part of the ASPA team. There are numerous valuable volunteer opportunities available including fundraising, office help and respite services. As well, your volunteer commitment is only subject to your availability! A great opportunity to start your volunteer experience is our 'Tag Day' fundraiser taking place Saturday May 25th in all three counties.

Interested volunteers can call the Alzheimer Society Office in your area, or go online at <http://aspaptbo.freeyellow.com/> for more information:

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Record shattered!

Stuart Baker and HHHS students Hokey Pokey their way to the Guinness Book of World Records

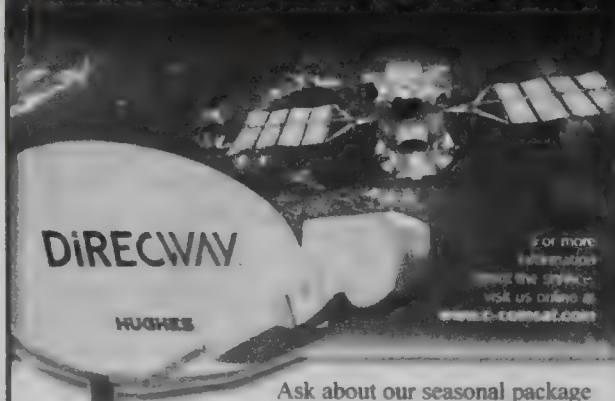


Last Tuesday the halls at SBES were rocking as students participated in a Canada-wide Hokey Pokey Challenge. They helped set a new world's record for putting their left feet and arms in. More than 266,000 people took part - the old record was held by 6,786 Irish kids, set in the late 1980s.

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Lianna Harding and Emily Schwartztruber were among the students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School who Hokey Pokeyed their way to a new world record Tuesday.

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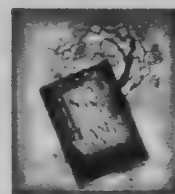
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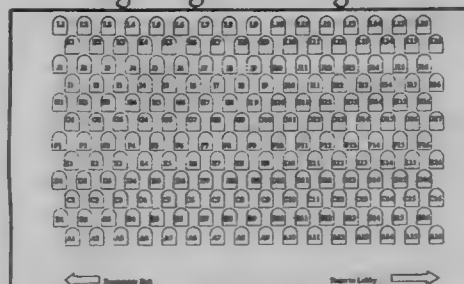
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Quilters stitch their way to colourful exhibit

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Six months is a long time to invest in a project when you have no idea what the end result will be but a group of quilters recently astounded themselves with what they ended up with after taking a mystery quilt class with Kim Bolender.

She held all the cards, or rather squares, of the two different designs students worked on, carefully guiding them but not revealing what the overall pattern would be like in the end.

The quilts on display last Saturday during an open house at the Quilter's Workshop, revealed a variety of colour patterns and creative touches, making each one distinctive.

"It's more important to me that my students experiment with colours, look at quilting creatively and get excited about doing it," says Bolender.

Inge March says she wasn't sure of the colours she ended up with in her quilt, a splash of blues mixed with vibrant oranges and yellows. One of the materials she used was a jungle print that strayed far from her usual conservative tastes but added a unique vibrancy to her quilt.

"I wanted to use some of the material I dyed in one of Kim's other classes that was the orange and yellow and Kim suggested the blue. I didn't know about that but I look now and it's beautiful. I have a bedroom in knotty pine and it will brighten up the room," says March.

Now retired, March has returned to a hobby of quilting and has taken a few of Bolender's classes. She told her husband they could not move up to the Highlands unless there was something for her to do.



SHERYL LOUCKS/ECHO

At an open house at The Quilter's Workshop on Saturday, Inge March shows a visitor her "mystery quilt" made of squares chosen by teacher Kim Bolender. When March retired to the Highlands, she returned to her former hobby because, as she told her husband, she wasn't going to move up here unless there was something for her to do. As the open house proved, she's been very busy indeed.

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"I have the ear of the Premier:"

Andrew Hodgson

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It's an exciting but daunting task for Hodgson, who was Eves' campaign manager in the leadership race.

"It's a key role," Hodgson says, "and the history of it is quite proud."

As head of the party's administrative branch, Hodgson's prime job is to make sure the party is ready for the next election, which he says will take place 18 to 24 months from now. He'll help find the best candidates and make sure there's a strong party organization in each riding.

But there's more to it than that.

"I have the ear of the Premier," he told The Echo last week. "I'm seen as one of the key political strategists... It's right under chief of staff."

Hodgson earned that role of trust and respect for Eves during the leadership race. Eves won a resounding victory thanks in part to Hodgson's work in drumming up memberships in each of the province's ridings.

At the same time, Eves earned Hodgson's respect. And without that respect, Hodgson wouldn't have accepted the job.

"Ernie's different than a lot of my perceptions (before the leadership race)," Hodgson says. "He wants to know opinions. Even if he has an opinion, you can change his mind. He really listens."

As a person who grew up in a small town, Hodgson also likes that Eves "certainly understands the roots of Ontario. He's not pushed around easily by so-called experts."

Eves isn't as easy task-master, however. "He drives hard," Hodgson laughs. "He phoned me once at two in the morning because something was on his mind. You have to have a cell phone by your bed."



Andrew Hodgson says that while Ernie Eves has high expectations of his staff, the new premier is also willing to seek out others' opinions and be swayed by them.

Another Haliburtonian with close ties to Eves is Barry Devolin, who's Eves' lead organizer in the by-election of Dufferin Peel Wellington Grey, which Eves has to win if he is to have a seat at Queen's Park.

"Ernie needs someone on the ground he can trust," Hodgson says, and that person is Devolin.

Meanwhile, fellow HHSS alumni Kelly Mitchell is on the transition team that's been in charge of smoothing the way for Eves to take over as premier from Mike Harris.

"It's an unbelievable honour," says Hodgson. "He's one of the top senior people closest to the premier."

He says "what Kelly brings is honesty... He also has that same gut reaction my father (the late Douglas Hodgson) had - he has the ability to move an argument in the direction he wants it to go."

Besides that, Mitchell has "an unbelievable capacity for work. He's been in the office since 5:30 this morning."

In an earlier interview, Hodgson says that around Queen's Park there's a running joke about the "Haliburton mafia", how so many people from such a small place have jobs of such prominence.

Asked why Haliburton had such a strong presence at Queen's Park, Hodgson says in part it's because people who grew up here are accustomed to dealing with a wide range of people. There are the locals, including those who hope never to have to leave, and then there's the dynamic mix of cottagers and tourists, people who bring their views and lifestyles with them. Since most teenagers here have a job in the service industry at one time or another, they are exposed to this unique blend of people and learn to get along with everyone.

"It gives us a bit of perspective," Hodgson says.

Looking back on the leadership race, and the rifts that became public, Hodgson says "We were selling so many more memberships it forced them to push the envelope a little," Hodgson says of the way some candidates took swipes at one another to stake out their own ground. "It's now time to talk unity."

On Monday, Eves announced his new cabinet, an opportunity to build bridges after the leadership election.

Hodgson has already been doing his own bridge building. Although he's only 38, he's already played a role in 15 elections. That means that many of the people involved in the other leadership hopeful's campaigns were friends and acquaintances. After the race was over, Hodgson made a point of phoning them to let them know that winners or losers, it was all time to work together again.

"It's relationship building," he says. "In the long run it's a long life so you have to understand people's feelings. It's not genius."

It will be an odd but fun experience to have the two brothers working together at Queen's Park. Andrew was his older brother's campaign manager when Chris was first elected for Haliburton Victoria Brock in 1994.

"It's funny," Andrew says of the new relationship. "I definitely have the Premier's ear, as does Chris in a different way. It's just interesting."

Of course, Andrew has a stake in getting Chris re-elected in the next election; he also wants to make sure that Chris gets to keep his cabinet post by ensuring the Tories remain in power. That means that for Andrew Hodgson, the race has already begun.

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Hodgson says rural areas need help retaining youth

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In Ernie Eves' first cabinet shuffle as premier, borders between ministries were also shuffled. Hodgson's ministry now has two associate ministries: Urban Affairs and Rural Affairs. (Rural Affairs used to be part of Agriculture and Food.)

"Having it all under Municipal Affairs makes sense," he says, adding that since he just got the job, he's not yet sure of all the ramifications. With responsibility for SuperBuild and SmartGrowth, which are designed to improve infrastructure, "the minister talking to the various groups now has the dollars to solve some of the problems."

Hodgson says he wanted to remain as Municipal Affairs minister because there are several projects he wants to see through to fruition. He's also excited about the possibilities in store with the expanded portfolio.

Although education is in his blood — his late father was the director of education for Haliburton County — he's pleased Elizabeth Witmer was given that responsibility. "She cares about it and she's always wanted it," he says. He's also pleased Helen Johns was named the first female Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Declining enrollment in rural areas is a major cause for concern. Trillium Lakelands District School Board has recently set up a community committee to look into the declining population of young people. Hodgson says that when decisions about spending are made, he wants to make sure that rural areas are given serious consideration.

"We need more growth throughout the province and that will take a co-ordinated effort," he says. "We need jobs in rural areas" to keep young families here.

In 15 years, Ontario's population will increase by a projected two million people, and some of those people have to be enticed to settle outside urban areas. At the same time, plans must be made in advance to accommodate that growth without hurting the environment.

Along with Witmer, he'll be looking at the education funding formula to find ways to improve it.

"We want to make sure it works for rural areas," he says. "It already does but there just need to be some modifications. There's some fine tuning to be done but I never want to go back to the situation where our kids relied solely on property taxes [to fund education] and our seniors couldn't afford a 10% increase a year [in the education levy]."

Under the old funding formula, Haliburton County would be entirely responsible for education funding because of our high property assessment. However, that didn't mean there was a lot of money to spend on education. He says that if the funding formula hadn't been changed, with the province committed to paying half the costs, Haliburton County would have lost 35 teachers.

As well, when the changes were made, urban areas such as Toronto were spending \$9,000 a year per student because of a rich assessment base and rural areas such as Haliburton were spending \$5,500.

Asked whether Haliburton County would be given northern status to be able to tap into more provincial and federal funding, Hodgson said "we've got our fair share of funding over the past few years no matter what we've been called."



Chef for a day

Keith Hill flips some pancakes at the Lochlin United Church's pancake breakfast two weekends ago. The event was a fundraiser for the church and a delicious way to avoid cooking for the dozens of patrons.

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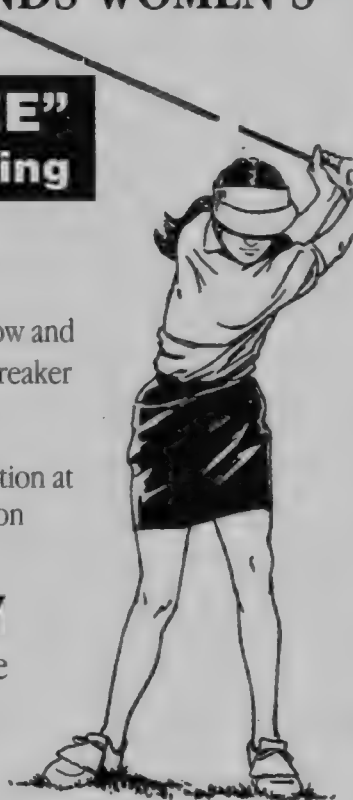
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Actions 'wrong, all wrong'

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implied that after some 30 years of dedication to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce that I could so irresponsible and cavalier is very insulting. In reality, the last two years was a continual struggle with funding applicants and some board members to ensure that the money was spent in such a manner as to benefit the county as whole. If there is any criticism at all it should be for holding the purse strings too tight! I realized from the onset that this type of funding may not last forever and that the money should be spent in a fashion as to ensure to best exposure possible.

All this saddens me deeply because the rebuilt confidence of the community and of County Council has been eroded.

The ones who will really suffer are the individuals that struggle every day to make a living in our county. Whether they are members of the Chamber or not, the Chamber is the only vehicle they have to tell the rest of the world that we are here.

In December when I realized what was going to happen I recall saying in that "this was wrong," all wrong". After witnessing the event of the last three months I still indeed believe it is "wrong, all wrong." This is truly a sad day for the citizens of Haliburton County.

Dennis Casey,
Past President,

Hospital treats patients well

To the Editor:

I have just re-read John Gunning's report of his stay in hospital, and have also just returned home after five weeks in hospital. Mine included Huntsville as well as Haliburton and Peterborough.

Everything he said is true.

I had no idea we would get care way above what we thought we needed and the staff was always cheerful.

I had also read the reports in the papers and can't imagine where they have cut back.

As a long time Hospital Auxiliary member, I was proud to notice a few things that we had purchased.

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Just a few of my thoughts.

Ruth Parkes,
Haliburton

Student looking for your stories about trees that carry memories

To the Editor:

If you or a member of your family has a story about a tree in their life that has had an impact on them or one of their family members, could you please let me to know about it?

I am in an Environmental Ethics class in college and completing a class project for credit. I am compiling stories from people across the country who had a tree sometime in their life as children and/or adults that meant something to them as a tradition, dedication, a

donation or gift. Please go to my internet site and post the story and it will be added for visitors to view. The stories do not have to carry an e-mail address or name and they will not be published for sale of any type.

The stories need to be posted from now until May 9, 2002; the site will remain on-line till Jan. 1, 2003. The internet web address is: <http://www.angelfire.com/oh5/treestory2002>

Tony Martin,
via E-mail.

Hospital praised for prompt emergency service

To the Editor:

Recently I had a piece of wood go through the palm of my hand. I arrived at the Haliburton Hospital about 5:45pm. I was seen by a doctor who pulled it out and stitched me up, all in less than half an hour. Now if this had been a large city hospital it might have taken me six

to eight hours before seeing a doctor.

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Getting down to WORK

**The Gooderham
Community
Action Group lives up
to its name with
volunteers such as
Cathy Graham,
Elva Bates and
Doreen DeGrave**

by MARTHA PERKINS



THE GOODERHAM COMMUNITY Action Group wasn't fooling when it chose its name. Since its formation last May, the volunteers have been very active indeed. Through their initiative, the village has already sponsored an arts and crafts sale during the Studio Tour, a Christmas crafts sale, the formation of a Brownies and Guide troop and the increase of hours at the computer CAP site.

"We try to come up with new things and the more people we draw into it, the easier it will go and the more we'll accomplish," says the group's inaugural president, Elva Bates.

Cathy Graham, one of the newest members, says that with so many people in the area with talent and energy to give, it will be interesting to see how much more can be done.

Although the group has already achieved a lot, it still has a rather low profile in the community. Started with only five volunteers – Elva Bates, Doreen DeGrave, Marilyn Billings, Margaret Graham and Effie McPherson (who has since stepped down) – it has already added Cathy Graham and Nora Pasley to its roster.

The impetus to form the group came last January 1, when the former municipalities of Glamorgan, Monmouth, Cardiff and Bicroft amalgamated to become Highlands East. The new municipality no longer needed the municipal office space in Gooderham, which led to the fear that if the community didn't find uses for the building, it would lose it. Since the building also accommodates the village's post office and library, and the community was already under threat of losing its school, no one wanted this to happen.

As a former long-time clerk and reeve of Glamorgan, Elva Bates seemed a natural person to

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Trent students to continue with research on Gooderham's past

IN SEPTEMBER 2001, the Gooderham Community Action Group submitted a proposal to Trent University's Community Based Education Program through Haliburton County's U-Links (University Links) Management Committee for a student to begin research on the history of the area and its people.

Jessie Wilkes, a Human Geography Student, accepted the proposal. She chose to research Settlement Patterns along the Monk Road, and began her project in October 2001. Her final report was due to the university and to the community on April 15. It will be available at the Gooderham Public Library and at the Haliburton Museum shortly after that date.

In January 2002 the Gooderham Senior Citizens' Club accepted leadership of this project. Proposals have now been made for five Trent students in the 2002/03 academic year to research settlement patterns of the town of Gooderham and area including abandoned communities and ghost towns.

The research will encompass:

- the Minnicock Lake Settlement in the north to the Salmon Lake settlement in the south, Maxwell's Crossing in the West to the Madill Settlement in the east;

- the history of resource-based industry and what effect they had on the area;
- what service industries sprang up to support these industries;
- what business opportunities arose;
- how the dependence on resource-based industry has changed over the years;
- the history of MNR and the Bark Lake Leadership Training Camp and their influence on the community;

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The Union Hotel was one of three in Gooderham.



Lumbering once fueled Gooderham's economy. The men would work in the bush during the week and come into town on a Saturday night. Not surprisingly, the village's main street was once known as Hell Street. Hunter's mill and Schwandt Lumber are still a very important part of the community.

Action group is full of ideas

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turn to. With a few gentle hints from Highlands East Deputy-Reeve Chuck Viner, who represents Glamorgan on council, Bates corralled a few other community stalwarts to form the group.

Following a meeting in May, council gave its approval for the group and provided liability insurance coverage for its activities under the municipal insurance policy. It also provides non-monetary support, such as providing the space in the municipal building and not charging the group rental fees for use of the community centre.

The goal of the group is not necessarily to start up and run new activities in the community. Instead, sometimes it simply acts as the catalyst, encouraging others to get behind one of its ideas and make it happen.

"We try to create things and get someone else to take it over," Bates laughs. "We have lots of people who can plan things but don't have the energy left to do it."

An example of this is Bates' getting Trent University students to help write a book about the township's history.

The group approached U-Links to ask a student to study the history of Gooderham and area. Jessie Wilkes, a human geography student, accepted the challenge and has already begun interviewing people such as Dallyn Pickens. Chuck and Bea Viner took her to the Traviss homestead where Bea

grew up and she will also meet with Faye Snider and Vince Billings and his mother Marjorie.

Wilkes' work, however, came to an end this spring, and that's not enough time to do a comprehensive history. So now, under the auspices of the community action group, the Gooderham Seniors Club is taking over the project. Not surprisingly, Bates is also president of this group. It will also seek out publishing assistance.

"We've just touched the surface - there's just so much to do," says Bates.

Likewise, the group spearheaded the move of the CAP internet site from the library to the former council chambers.

Volunteers (Charles Webster, Al Strath, Mary Ellen Sheridan, Al Sheridan and Paul Drake, with the group's Doreen DeGrave co-ordinating them all) were rounded up to keep the CAP site open the following hours: Mondays 7 to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursdays 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon.

Children are benefitting from the new Brownie and Guide troop, DeGrave's pet project when she joined the group.

"With the school closing, we wanted something for the children so they don't lose that connection with the community," she says.

Group member Margaret Graham is one of the leaders, joining Crystal Dair and Deborah Guy. Once a week they pick

up the children from the school and walk over to the community centre for their activities.

To help cover the costs, the group held a successful raffle, with some of the proceeds also going to the Junior Firefighters.

DeGrave started a bridge club which meets once a week with Glen Lockhart and Hal Beach on hand to teach new players the game's strategies. For tennis players, there's a new tennis clinic led by Doreen Kendall.

For Elva Bates and Cathy Graham, promotion of the community's vibrant arts culture is very important. Noting that few Studio Tour locations are in the southeast end of the county, Bates started organizing the arts and crafts show to draw artists from the area together and give them a venue to promote and sell their work.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation's arts committee gave them some start-up funds for advertising and Sir Sandford Fleming College also helped get the show off the ground. "We just had a fantastic reception everywhere we went," Bates says.

Last September, the first show attracted about 35 exhibitors and more than 200 shoppers. The show was complemented by a heritage display at the library set up by librarian Marilyn Billings and her daughter Margaret Graham, both group members.

For the Christmas sale, the local children really got involved. One PA day in December, they all gathered

with Cathy Graham and other volunteers at the community centre to make the decorations which decorated the hall.

"They really put their heart into it," Graham says. "It makes them feel a part of something and they can see their work up there, too."

Their efforts didn't go unnoticed. Bates says "I've never seen the community centre look more beautiful."

"It's just to draw people into the community," Graham says of one of her goals for the show. "There's more than just snowmobiling and outdoor activities. There's a lot of talent here. It's nice to have something local to give you the first opportunity to put yourself out there. It's a community coming together."

On the arts theme, Bates says "I'd like to see more development around the sculpture (made of old equipment from Hunter's Mill). I want some benches that don't float down the river and maybe some landscaping."

As well, the group is considering a Winterfest weekend with such things as a fish derby for kids, snow slides, bonfire, ice sculptures, sleigh rides and a chili dinner followed by star gazing with a telescope.

Whew! It's been a busy 11 months and the year ahead seems to be just as full. Of course, more ideas and more volunteers are also welcome to keep the group living up to its name. If you can help please contact Bates, 447-2977 or DeGrave 447-2877.

Family trees sought as part of research project

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• and plot historic transportation routes on a base map of Glamorgan Township.

Family trees/histories are being collected - if your family has not yet been contacted, call Dallyn at 447-2314. A methodology is being developed in order to properly undertake the collection of oral histories.

A written history of the Gooderham Telephone System is planned. A long list of other historical items of interest remain unassigned, and many resources are still untapped. The goal is to publish a book that will clearly document the interesting history of our community.

The project has attracted a number of partners, including local residents, the Municipality of Highlands East, the U-Links management committee members and staff, professors at Trent University, and other organizations.

If you would like to be involved, call Elva Bates at 447-2977.

Illness claims local trio

Community mourns David Breen,
Della Melville and Sonny Pacey

On a sad note I am afraid Harcourt has lost yet two more residents. David Joseph Breen, loving husband of Penny (Meadows) Breen, died April 10 following a very long, painful battle against cancer.

Dave, along with wife Penny, first came to the Harcourt area more than 18 years ago. Seven years ago they were happy to make their home on Algonquin Drive.

Dave enjoyed fishing, partridge hunting and watching the deer feed in his backyard. He loved the area and nothing was more relaxing for him than slipping out into the backyard with his pet dogs, Chase and Chance. Can we count how many April days Dave felt the warm sunshine upon his face as he wandered beyond the edge of the lawn and entered into the woods? How many times did he feel the coolness of the snow patches below his feet come up to caress his face as he wandered along the deer trails up the mountainside? How many times did he stand upon the mountaintop gazing out upon the treetops far below and see the giant pine tops swaying gently in the breeze? Did he gaze out upon Benoit Lake as the ice gave way to rippling waters and did he raise his face upward when he heard the honking of returning Canada Geese?

As he gazed out at the splendour below how many times did he think about his other great passion – his passion to bring old furniture back to life. He took great pride in stripping, repairing and finishing

antique china cabinets, tables and chairs.

Gone is this man but not the memory of him. Many family and friends will grieve his passing. Wife Penny of Harcourt, son Robert and his wife Gwendolyn of Bowmanville, will sadly miss him. He will not be forgotten by their children – his grandchildren Gregory, Alexandria, Bailey and Jacob. He will never go unrecalled by daughter Kellie and her fiancé Fred Millson of Newcastle. Brothers Danny, Kenneth, Arthur and sister Nancy of Oshawa and brother Robert of Courtice and Ronald of

Columbus will all miss him. Dave's sister Marion predeceases him.

I have just learnt of the passing of Della Melville of Harcourt. Our sympathy to family and friends and especially to her son, Ross.

Della had a long battle with illness. While memories of Della remain in the hearts of her family and friends, she will never be lost but will live forever.

Our prayers also go out to the family of Harcourt (Sonny) Pacey who died April 12 at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. He was 82.

Sonny died after a lengthy illness, leaving his wife, Leola Covert, and his children and grandchildren: Doris and John Meharrie of British Columbia; Donna and Gary MacDonald of Haliburton; Douglas and Lynell Pacey of Florida; Tina, George, Aarika, Keegan and Sloan. He was the brother of Etta Dovell of Gooderham, Betty Watson of Bancroft and George Pacey of Renfrew. He was predeceased by

siblings Harold, Doris and Pearl.

Sonny lived in the Harcourt area all his life, working variedly as a lumber and log scaler, at Standard Chemical, Finleys, Wilberforce Lumber, Weldwood of Canada and Schwandt Lumber.

He loved woodworking, the Maple Leafs and baseball and was a member of the Masonic and Orange lodges, as well as a founding member of the Harcourt Community Centre board.

His funeral was planned for today, April 16, 1 p.m., at the Baragar Funeral Home in Bancroft with Lynn Watson officiating. Internment at South Wilberforce Cemetery.

News of Sonny's death came at the Echo's deadline so details are only sketchy. Our thoughts are with the Pacey family at this difficult time.

So much sadness but we must leave the yesterdays in the past and get on with today and the young people did just that at the April 12 Rock into Spring Pre-teen Dance at the Harcourt Community Centre. I would go so far as to say that it was a huge success with 132 young people rocking the night away. I believe everyone would concur they had a super duper time and I continue to be amazed by the energy exhibited and the exuberance displayed by these kids. I am starting now to rest up for the next pre-teen dance to be held June 28!

Don't Forget:

April 20 – Come out and enjoy dancing to the sounds of Coulas Country. All ages welcome. Cost is \$15 a couple or \$8 single. Time: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

April 22 – Members of the Harcourt

Youth Ages 7-16 will start Pitch-In Week off with a clean-up of Harcourt. Children and adults are asked to meet at the Community Centre at 4:30 p.m.

From there they will go out and scour the Harcourt area for garbage accumulated over the winter. Following the clean-up there will be a barbecue.

Come out and give the kids a hand and have some fun.

June 28 – We will have another Pitch-In and Clean Up Harcourt Community Day by our young people and adult helpers followed by a barbecue and School Year End Pre-Teen Dance for ages 7-16 years.

July 12 – Harcourt Community Centre will host a Big Bingo starting at 7 p.m. Contact Debbie at 448-3155 for further information.

July 12, 13, and 14th – Harcourt's Third Annual Three Pitch Tournament. Contact Mel or Valerie Smith to enter your team – 448-3640.

July 13 – Baseball Tourney Dance. The Ya Babys will be playing.

July 27 – 5th Annual Bass Tournament. Contact Steve Donaldson 448-2208.

August 3 – Harcourt's Trash and Treasure Sale will be held at the Harcourt Community Centre. This flea market and yard sale will be an opportunity for people to purchase space to sell used items, crafts, etc. Rain date: August 4. Contact Melanie Lewis to reserve your space – 448-2246

August 24 – Community Potluck Dinner followed by a special performance. Tony, Judy, Greg, Megan, Danny and Willy Fitzgerald will be back with us with reels to keep our toes tapping and dances to delight all. Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 p.m. Presentation 7:30 p.m.

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Yes we do have most of the necessities of life right here - and many extras too! Story Time is on at the Library this Thursday at 2 p.m. All children are welcome.

May we add our congratulations, thanks, and best wishes to Bill Gliddon for his wonderful musical contributions that have enriched the lives of so many. I have in hand a long play vinyl

Hilda Clark
MB-2111

record entitled Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Glee Club, Director: Wm. Gliddon, April 8, 1967. My niece, Linda Clark, sang in that Glee Club and sold me the record. A wonderful experience it was for her and her mates to be recorded - their own record! Among the soloists noted was Dawn Wallace, also a former Wilberforce resident. How like Bill to choose such upbeat numbers as The Merry Ploughboy, You'll Never Walk Alone, Wish me a Rainbow and Climb Every mountain. Carry on, Bill, you still have lots of music in your soul to share with the world. And, as my late brother Harry used to jokingly and encouragingly tell my mother, "There's lots of good work left in you yet!"



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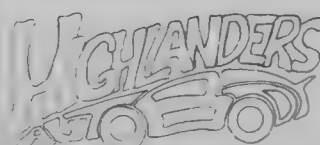
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A complete job description is available
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(Ms.) Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
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Municipality of Highlands East

NOTICE

(Applicant - L'Abbe/Keith)

IN THE MATTER of the Municipal Act and in the matter
of a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the
Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and
convey certain portions of an original allowance for
road along the shore of Koshlong lake, more
particularly hereinafter described.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter
M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal
Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township
Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of
Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed
advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at
the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on
Tuesday, the 11th day of June, 2002, at 9:00a.m., a
By-Law to close, stop up and convey to the adjacent
land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY: Part of Lot 15, Concession 14, designated
as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to
Instrument number 19273, Township of Glamorgan,
Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton,
shown as part 1 on Plan of Survey made by Paul
Wilson, O.L.S., dated June 11, 1999 and;

SECONDLY: Part of the Original Shore Road
Allowance in front of Lot 15, Concession 14, Township
of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County
of Haliburton, shown as parts 2 and 3 (Part 3 being the
flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of
Highlands East) on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made
by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated June 11, 1999.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available
for inspection during regular office hours at the
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Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing
the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time
and place above mentioned, the Municipality of
Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or
by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who
claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially
affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be
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DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East
(Wilberforce), Ontario this 16th day of April, 2002.

Sharon Stoughton-Craig
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0

Municipality of Highlands East

NOTICE

(Applicant - DART)

IN THE MATTER of the Municipal Act and in the
matter of a proposed by-law of the corporation of the
Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and
convey certain portions of an original allowance for
road along the shore of Monmouth Lake, more
particularly hereinafter described.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter
M45, Section 297 and section 300 of the Municipal
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Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of
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the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on
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By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent
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Part of the original shore road allowance in front of
Lot 27, Concession 1, Township of Monmouth,
Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton,
shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made
by Paul Wilson O.L.S., dated October 3, 2001.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is
available for inspection during regular office hours at
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AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing
the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time
and place above mentioned, the Municipality of
Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or
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affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be
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DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East,
Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of April, 2002.

Sharon Stoughton-Craig
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario
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Municipality of Highlands East

NOTICE

(Applicant - WALKER)

IN THE MATTER of the Municipal Act and in the matter
of a proposed by-law of the corporation of the Municipality of
Highlands East to Close, stop-up and convey certain
portions of an original allowance for road along the shore
of Koshlong Lake, more particularly hereinafter described.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45,
Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O.
1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the
Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes
to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular
meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce,
Ontario on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, 2002, at 9:00
a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the
adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 13,
Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of
Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2
and 3 (Part 3 being the flooded portion, will be retained by
the Municipality of Highlands East) on a Preliminary Plan
of Survey made by Paul Wilson O.L.S., dated October 12,
2001.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is
available for inspection during regular office hours at the
Municipality of Highland East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the
said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and
place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East
shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel,
solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or
their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law
and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, (Wilberforce)
Ontario this 9th day of April, 2002.

Sharon Stoughton-Craig
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Box 295
Wilberforce, Ontario
K0L 3C0

All shoppers welcome in Wilberforce grocers

There will be a Wilberforce Play Group for children up to age six operating at the Lloyd Watson Centre. It will be on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thanks to Jennifer Lawr for letting us know about this. This is a fine opportunity for parents and children to get together for interesting play and learning opportunities.

Dear readers, please don't think we are deprived here in Wilberforce. Please believe me. We do have stores in Wilberforce.

The Wilberforce I.G.A. and Agnew's General Store and the Variety Store carry a wide range of groceries. Many

in this area do most of their grocery shopping in this village. Of course we all occasionally check out stores in neighbouring towns and cities.

Perhaps Brian Muir and his wife, who according to a recent e-mail letter in the Echo "For 10 years ... have shopped in the city and brought our weekend food to the cottage," might venture into our stores.

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Hilda Clark

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Perhaps on the way to the bank machine, the Liquor/Beer store, the Library, the Museum, Tennis courts, park, hardware and building stores, and garden centres, the Muirs and all welcome seasonal residents and visitors will shop at our very fine grocery

stores.

Then drop by the All Star Cafe to rest awhile, have a good meal, great coffee or a cool one. Yes we do have most of the necessities of life right here - and many extras too!

Story Time is on at the Library this Thursday at 2 p.m. All children are welcome. Drop by for a good story and pick up some books for the children and yourselves.

May we add our congratulations, thanks, and best wishes to Bill Gliddon for his wonderful musical contributions that have enriched the lives of so many in Haliburton County over the past forty years.

I have in hand a long play vinyl record entitled Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Glee Club, Director: William Gliddon, April 8, 1967. My niece Linda Clark sang in that Glee Club and sold me the record. A wonderful experience it was for her and her mates to be recorded - their own record!

Among the soloists noted was Dawn Wallace, also a former Wilberforce resident. How like Bill to choose such upbeat numbers as The Merry Ploughboy, You'll Never Walk Alone, Wish me a Rainbow and Climb Every mountain.

Carry on Bill, you still have lots of music in your soul to share with the world. And as my late brother Harry used to jokingly and encouragingly tell my mother "There's lots of good work left in you yet!"

Elections today at Branch 624

I would just like to start off my report, with an apology to those who have been wondering what has happened to the Branch 624, Legion Views and Reviews. This has come about because my mother has been hospitalized with pneumonia. So I've been out of town a lot recently.

Tuesday April 16th-General Membership and Election Night for Branch 624.

Saturday April 20th-Dance at 9:00 p.m. with D.J. Colleen Wilkinson.

Sunday April 21st- Pool Tournament hosted by Mac Hughes, 1 p.m. start, \$5 per challenger. All monies will be returned in the form of prizes.

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Mel Smith
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Sunday April 28th- Cribbage Tournament, 1 p.m. start, at \$5:00 per challenger, and hosted by Bob Haywood and the Ladies Auxiliary. Come along and bring a friend.

Friday and Saturday April 26th, 27th, and 28th District Convention will be held at Branch 52 in Peterborough. More information to follow.

Saturday May 4th- Karaoke NIGHT starting at 9:00 p.m. Don't miss out on this popular night - great fun and lots of laughs.

Friday May 10th - Our Pot Luck Birthday Bash for May 2002.

Don't forget:

Darts - Every Wednesday - 7.30 p.m.

Euchre - Every Thursday - 1 p.m.

Meat Draw - Every Saturday afternoon, 3 p.m.

Lest We Forget. Last Call: Della Melville will be missed by her family, friends and fellow Comrades. Dave Breen will be missed by his family friends and neighbors.

Best wishes in future endeavors from Branch 624



MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE THE SHORELINE ROAD ALLOWANCE

DATE: Monday May 13th, 2002
TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

Applicant: Shall-May Holdings Limited

Location: Kennisis Lake.

In front of Lot 4, Concession 3, Township of Havelock. Adjacent to Lot 12, Plan 584, Sunrise Court. Defined as parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS and dated February 22nd, 2002, available for review in the planning department.

Applicants: Bailey and Nicholls/Sobanski

Location: Haliburton lake.

In front of Lot 14, Concession 3, Township of Harburn. Adjacent to Lots 58 & 59, Plan 331, Dignan Drive. Defined as Parts 3, 4 and 5 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by H. Curry Bishop, OLS and dated December 31st, 2001, available for review in the Planning Department.

Applicants: Bebee, Lewis, Knight, Newton

Location: Haliburton Lake.

In front of Lot 13, Concession 3, Township of Harburn. Adjacent to Lots 10, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, Plan 331, Dignan Court. Defined as parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by Harry Curry Bishop, OLS and dated February 14th, 2002, available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of shoreline road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00am. to 5:00pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 15th day of March, 2002.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Township Planner

Notices Notices

MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST NOTICE

Committee of Adjustment
File No. PV-02-2002,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLAND EAST

REGARDING AN APPLICATION BY: Paul and Bonnie Johnson (agent - Rob Braund)
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Con 3, Pt. Lot 30, RP 19R14 Part 7
(Geographic Township of Glamorgan)

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: To add a 15 foot by 20 foot addition on west side of cottage leaving an 11 foot space to property line. Current zoning is 20 feet and cottage is 26 feet from property line.

TAKE NOTICE that an application under the above file number will be heard by the committee on the date, and the time and place shown below:
DATE: May 6th, 2002 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipality of Highlands East
Council Chambers, Main Municipal Office
Box 295, County Road 648, Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0

PUBLIC HEARING: You are entitled to attend this public hearing in person to express your views about this application or you may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you are aware of any person interested or affected by this application who has not received a copy of this notice you are requested to inform that person of this hearing. If you wish to make written comment on this application they may be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the committee at the address shown below.

FAILURE TO ATTEND HEARING: If you do not attend at the hearing it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

NOTICE OF DECISION: A copy of the decision of the committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer a written request for notice of the decision. All other parties, who wish to be notified of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in respect to this application, you must submit a written request to the Municipality of Highlands East Municipal Office. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Municipal Board hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Committee of Adjustment's decision may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by the applicant or another member of the public. To appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board, send a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer for the Committee of Adjustment outlining the reasons for the appeal. You must enclose the appeal fee of \$125.00 for each application appealed, paid by cheque, and made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.



CRTC HEARING



The CRTC will hold a public hearing commencing on 3 June 2002 at 9:30 a.m., at the CRTC Headquarters, 1 Prom. du Portage, Gatineau, Qc., to consider the following: 4. HALIBURTON, Ont. HALIBURTON COUNTY COMMUNITY RADIO ASSOCIATION requests authority to obtain a licence to operate on frequency 96.9 MHz, a Type A English FM community radio station in Haliburton. EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION: Haliburton County Municipal Office, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, Ont. If you wish to support or oppose an application, write to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ont., K1A 0N2. You may also file your intervention by fax at (819) 994-0218 or by e-mail at: procedure@crtc.gc.ca. Your comments must be received at the CRTC on or before 9 May 2002 and MUST include the proof that you sent a copy to the applicant. For more information: 1-877-249-CRTC (toll-free) or Internet: http://www.crtc.gc.ca. Reference document: Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2002-4.



Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission

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télécommunications canadiennes



Claude Haggerty, an illusionist from the Niagara region, was in Haliburton last Thursday with two fabulous felines. At left, he gets up close and personal with Teesha, the spotted jaguar. At right, Shayla the Siberian tiger appears to be the one in front of the bars. See story.

Magic cats purrfectly adorable

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Her head appears under flower pot two before the pots are shuffled about and then Tia Scarborough's head is under number three, the rest of her body presumably in the box beneath the pots until the drape around it is dropped – and there strides Shayla, an eight-year-old, 440-pound Siberian tiger.

Claude Haggerty has pulled off another illusion and the crowd in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym is impressed.

It is hard to say who has the more unusual job: Scarborough whose body gets oddly disengaged with her head floating impossibly higher than her hands or vanishes in a flash to reveal a tiger or jaguar; or her boss Haggerty.

Born in Dunnville, in the Niagara region, he has been doing his show professionally for 22 years and an additional 10 years as an amateur.

"It's an awesome job. And the crowd here, not that I know where I am, has been really great. They packed the whole high school in here and there were no rude hecklers."

Haggerty commented to Thursday evening's public crowd that he'd never seen a high school student association foot the bill for the whole school to attend before and was shocked by the excellent behaviour of the students around his crew as they made the school home for a day.

The travelling days for the show though are soon to come to an end. Haggerty has made a deal with Niagara Falls developer Dino Dicienzo for a 10-year contract to perform in a new theatre complex.

He says his cats – he used to have six – usually work only six or seven days of a month as he rotates them regularly. He considers them to be his family and feels this will be a good change for them as well.

"I lost a cougar of mine from old age; he'd been with me for 15 years, a week before Christmas, five minutes before I had to go on stage. It was the hardest moment in my career," says Haggerty.

He says Shayla is fast becoming his new reliable favourite while Teesha, a two-and-a-half-year-old spotted jaguar is in her teenage rebellious phase. She takes a swing at him as he stands near her cage, constantly wants to play and chews anything she can get her teeth into.

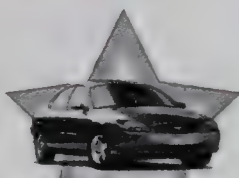
"The hardest part is teaching them not to bite. Teesha is going through the same phase they all do but she's doing pretty well," says Haggerty.

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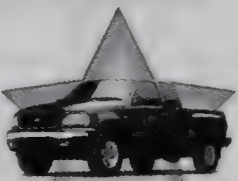
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Cottage Life Show was **good** for local **business:**

Highlanders' strong presence reflects importance of cottaging to the local economy



Above, Sally Teasdale of Carriage House Contractors

At right, John Parish of Bowes & Cocks.

Far right, Craig Box of Riverview Furniture



Top, Carol Moffat of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce sorts material for visitors to take home.

Above, lots of friendly banter at the Emmerson Lumber display



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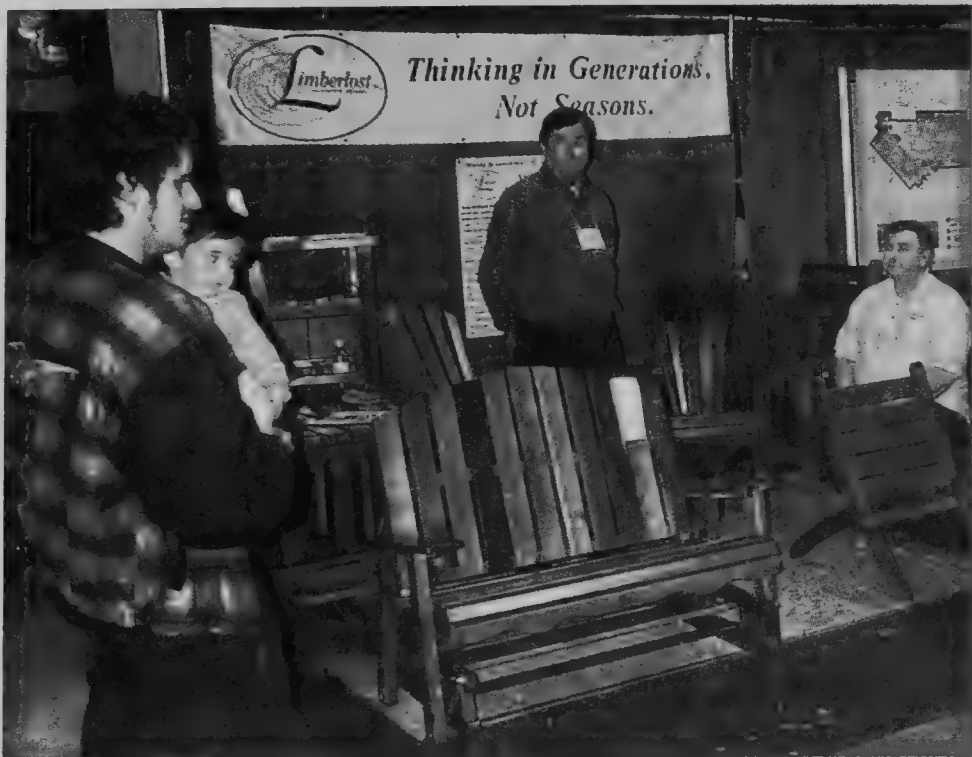
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Far left, Richard Graesser of Limberlost.

Left, Steve Berry of Royal Homes

Below, Dave McKay at the Pump Shop booth.

Below centre, John Deak of JAD Enterprises talks to show visitors.

Far left, Glen Evans of Cedar Winds Cottage Design

Centre bottom, the Chamber of Commerce booth



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Now there is an effective vaccine that prevents chickenpox. The government has not yet made it available to children free of charge. However, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has decided to provide it free to young children who have completed all of their other childhood vaccinations.

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- 1) be between 20 and 48 months of age
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- 3) live in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County or Northumberland County

The child's vaccination record and Ontario Health Card **MUST** be brought to the clinic with the child. If an adult other than the parent (grandparent, aunt, babysitter) will be bringing the child to the clinic, the parent must also provide written consent for the child to be vaccinated in their absence.

A limited number of clinics will be held in June. Clinics are by appointment only. Please call the health unit's toll-free line at 1-866-888-4577 before the start of May.



Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District
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- **Stanhope Seniors Social Club.** Stanhope Firefighters Hall, North Shore Rd. Activities: Weekly Year Round - Bid Euchre Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Line Dancing Thursday 9:30 a.m. Weekly October thru May: - Indoor shuffle board Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. - Monthly Sept. thru June - Luncheon, second Monday each month. Contact Audrey Fountain 754-2447.
- **Apr. 16: Ecotourism Student Presentations** - You're invited to listen to nine presentations relating to environmental/social design for the proposed new Haliburton campus. These presentations will be innovative, practical and sensitive. Please come out for one or all nine of the presentations. See what our students would like to have incorporated into our new campus construction. The presentations will be held at Sir Sandford Fleming College Haliburton Campus, Norman A. Sisco Centre, Tuesday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free. For more information call: Gail Woodard 457-1680. Refreshments will be available.
- **Apr. 18:** Opportunity to ask questions on how to support people who are crisis survivors. Leadership: Laura Ostler, Victim Services, Ontario Provincial Police. For the Apr. 18 event please telephone 268-4922 for the location and indicating your interest. Please plan on bringing a contribution to the Food Bank.
- **Apr. 18:** Storytime! Wilberforce Public Library. All welcome.
- **Apr. 18:** Highland Ladies on the Go Social (LOGS). Opportunity to ask questions on how to support people who are crisis survivors. Leadership: Laura Ostler, Victim Services, OPP. Call 286-4922 for more info.
- **Apr. 20:** C.H.A.C.E. Haliburton-Join us for Birthday Day as we celebrate all Apr. Birthdays.
- **Apr. 21:** Dining with the Doctors - at The Old Country House, 6 p.m. - Sunday, April 21, 2002. All proceeds to The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Tickets available at the Foundation Office, please call 457-1580 for more information.
- **Apr. 24:** Spring Luncheon - Soup and Sandwich, Dessert & Beverage, only \$5.00. Bake Sale - Haliburton United Church, Wed., April 24th, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Proceeds to Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary.
- **Apr. 24:** Free Supermarket Tour 10:30 a.m. Shop healthy by learning to read food labels. Supermarket tours are great for helping with weight loss, to improve your children's eating habits and making positive food choices. Everyone welcome. To sign up call Melanie at 457-1391.
- **Apr. 25:** Seizing the Opportunity: The Central East (Whitby) Mental Health Implementation Task Force Challenge invite you to attend an information sharing session April 25th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest. Fireplace Room, Minden. Any questions contact Shannon Brett at 1-800-486-4935.
- **Apr. 25:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups. We are holding informal support meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. Minden, Tues. Apr. 25, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Hyland Crest Chapel. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Janet Bottum at the Alzheimer Office in Haliburton at 457-8335.
- **Apr. 25:** "Daffodils" Cancer Support Group, Haliburton United Church, 2 p.m. Cancer patients and families reaching out to help others cope with this disease. Contact please are Jean Casey, 457-1010 and Helen Cox, 286-2224.
- **Apr. 27:** The Kinmount Sparks, Brownies and Guides invite you to help them clean up the community on "Pitch-In Day" Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to noon. Kinmount Rail Station. Lunch served to volunteers. Part of Earth Week Celebrations. For more info call Jane Austin at 488-9954.
- **May 1:** Family Law Information Session - Are you separated or divorced, or involved in the court system to resolve custody/access, child support, property/financial issues? If so, please join us on May 1, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Family Services of Haliburton County Building, Eastern Ave., Haliburton, for an evening of information and discussion on the impact of separation and divorce on families, and on the new Unified Family Court System. No fee charged. For inquiries, please call Carolyn McAlpine at (705) 324-1400 ext. 413. Everyone welcome!
- **May 2:** L.I.F.T. Ladies in Fellowship Together at West Guilford Recreation Centre, Thurs., May 2, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Mother ... Daughter ... Friends Evening. Joyful Generations. Fashion show by LJ's Fashions and Mamas n' Tots. Special Speaker: Marion Loney, Peterborough. For info call: Alice 754-2808, Lyn 457-3155.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

New groundwater study of the Trent watershed to include the Highlands

Trent Conservation Coalition to receive \$1.1 million for study

A regional study of the groundwater resources for the 15,000 square kilometre Trent River watershed, an area stretching from Algonquin Park to Lake Ontario, is now underway.

The Trent Conservation Coalition will receive \$1,185,750 to carry out the groundwater study, covering 85 percent of the project cost. An additional \$209,250 will be provided by the 36 municipalities located within the study area.

The project is being carried out through the Trent Conservation Coalition (TCC), a partnership of five Conservation Authorities within the Trent River basin (Kawartha Region, Otonabee, Crowe Valley, Ganaraska Region and Lower Trent Conservation Authorities), and Haliburton County.

Thomas Grace, of Grace & Associates in Lindsay, has been selected as project manager. A 12-firm consulting team headed by Morrison Environmental Ltd., of Mississauga, will complete the project.

"The study team was selected because of their depth of knowledge and local experience," says Ian Macnab, TCC spokesperson. "Many of the small firms working with Morrison Environmental are based within the study area."

The project will map groundwater resources and their sensitivity across the entire region and identify wellhead pro-

tection areas for 65 municipal wells. It will identify groundwater sources, the vulnerability of aquifers and potential threats to groundwater resources, and the demands and use of this precious resource.

"We are certainly faced with some significant challenges given the scope of this study and the many different landscapes that are covered," explains Thomas Grace, TCC Project Manager.

"Different techniques will be used for characterizing groundwater resources in the northern areas where the soil cover is thin and the rocks of the Canadian Shield are heavily fractured compared to the southern study area where there is a thick layer of soil covering the limestone bedrock."

The study area includes parts of the Algonquin Highlands, the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Lowlands, the Peterborough Drumlin Fields and the Oak Ridges Moraine physiographic regions.

The groundwater study is part of a \$10 million commitment by the Province to help municipalities across Ontario gain more knowledge about their water resources to better protect them for future generations.

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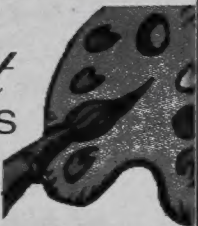
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Saturday, April 20, 2002

8:00 p.m.

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Tickets: \$5. at door

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Soup & Sandwich

Dessert & Beverage

only \$5.00

Bake Sale

Haliburton United Church

Wednesday, April 24th

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Proceeds to

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary

for a portable x-ray machine.

290 COMING EVENTS

**WEST GUILFORD
SPRING CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

Saturday, April 20

Doors open at 9 a.m.

Lunch available

Tables \$5.00 each

Vendors welcome

Call Myra 754-1457

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ings.

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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WAGON WHEEL RESTAURANT
will be closed from April 22 to May
2/02 inclusive (Motel will be open).

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330 YARD/GARAGE SALES

APARTMENT SALE

Misc. furniture, dishes, cutlery,
microwave, etc.

Door #3 in Henwood's Variety

building, across from Valumart in

Haliburton.

Sat. April 27, 9:00 a.m. to ?.

Everything must go!

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GARAGE SALE

April 20 - 9 to 5

Wicked Good Stuff.

Watemest, Lot N190,

North Kashagawigamog Rd.

(Airport Road).

Furniture, Bunk Beds, rowing ma-
chine, utility trailer, patio blocks, Nordic
Track, Work Bench, Chest Freezer,
Ping Pong table and Sundry items.

340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

**CALVIN MABEE AUCTION SALE
LARGE AUCTION!**

Monday, April 29 - 10 a.m.

Property of Norland Trading Co.
complete going out of business in-
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Contents of long time Northern Sport-
ing and Canadian Souvenir and gift
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WHITE'S AUCTION SALE

Saturday, April 20

10 a.m.

Sale to be held at the Faraday
Community Centre.
From Bancroft Take Hwy 28S ap-
prox. 8 kms to
Lower Faraday Rd.,
(beside Bow Lake Variety)

Sale to consist of furniture, household
goods, antiques, collectibles, tools,
14 ft. fiberglass boat with trailer and
9-1/2 h.p. Johnson motor, miscella-
neous items. Many more items too
numerous to mention. Payment by
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tion@sympatico.ca

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350 WEDDINGS/ ANNIVERSARIES

**MARIE WALLACE
(Eagle Lake)**

and

**DON STEADMAN
(Richmond Hill)**

wish to announce their

marriage on

Friday, April 12, 2002

in the Eagle Lake

Community Church.

They will reside in Eagle Lake.

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
THE LATE**

FRANCES MADELINE ELSTONE
All creditors and others having claims
against the Estate of **FRANCES
MADELINE ELSTONE**, late, of the
Township of Minden, in the county of
Haliburton, who died on or about the
13th day of March 2002, are required
to file the particulars of such claim with
the undersigned solicitor for the said
Estate on or before the 23rd day of
April, 2002.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last
date named, the assets of the said
Estate will be distributed amongst the
persons entitled hereto by the Exec-
utor/Administrator of the Estate, hav-
ing regard only to the claims of which
the solicitor below shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
25th day of March, 2002. **RAYMOND
G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O.
Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M
1S0.

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440 THANK YOU

The family of the late Christina Dol-
lo would like to thank everyone for
their cards, letters, visitation, floral trib-
utes, donations to the Hospital Build-
ing Fund, food and mass cards sent
during our recent loss. You will never
know how much your hugs, smiles
and encouragement meant to all of
us. Thank you also to Barry and Kir-
sten and the staff of the Gordon Monk
Funeral Home for their very profes-
sional and caring way they looked af-
ter us so well. We would also like to
thank Father Bill Fellion for his kind-
ness, the ladies of the Altar Society
for their lovely luncheon, Toos, Rose
and Julie for the beautiful music at the
service and Mr. Earl cooper for his pip-
ing of a beautiful hymn. Minden has
been very special to our family over
the last 57 years and we thank all who
shared in our loss of a wonderful wife,
mother, grandmother and great-
grandmother. **Peter Dollo and fam-
ily.**

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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK every-
one who attended and contributed
in any way to our recent Wild Game
Dinner and Dance. Through every-
ones hard work over \$9,500. was
raised for our on-going projects. Ever-
yones generosity is needed to en-
sure a successful event like this.
**Thank you Dan Johnson, Keith Hill
and the Wild Game Dinner Com-
mittee, Haliburton Highlands Out-
doors Association.**

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460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

MARY "Mae" WADDELL
(nee Nicolson)

Passed away peacefully at home
at Kennis Lake, Haliburton
County, Ontario on Thursday,
April 11, 2002.

Wife of Pat Waddell and Predeceased
by her first husband John Burgess.
Mother of Jim Burgess (Bev) of Toron-
to, Scott "Scooter" Burgess (Tracie)
of Keswick, grandmother of Cary,
Sarah and Cole, great grandmother
to Christopher. Predeceased by her
lovely daughter Debbie and by her
son Bradley. Sister of Jessie Todd of
Scotland. Friends were invited to vis-
it the family at the Haliburton United
Church, Haliburton on Sunday, April
14, 2002 from 2:00 p.m. until the time
of the Funeral Service at 3:00 p.m.
Cremation followed. Reception was
held at the Church (downstairs). In
lieu of flowers, memorial donations to
the Haliburton Highlands Health Ser-
vices Foundation (HHHSF) would be
appreciated by the family and can be
made through the Gordon A. Monk
Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O.
Box 427, Minden, Ont. K0M 2K0
(1-888-588-5777).

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460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

NELL DAWSON
(nee Ferguson)

Passed away peacefully at the
Shelburne Nursing Home,
Shelburne, Ontario on Tuesday,
April 9, 2002.

In her 80th year.

Beloved wife of the late J. Stanley
Dawson (1995). Dear mother of Di-
ane Conklin, Marla Azer, Peter Daw-
son and Janice Howard. Loving
grandmother of 8 grandchildren. Dear
sister of Phrona McKee, Pearl Con-
nor and predeceased by Alven Fer-
guson. Friends were invited to visit the
family at the Gordon A. Monk Funer-
al Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden
from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Friday. Then
to St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple
Lake for the Funeral Service on Sat-
urday, April 13, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. In-
terment at St. Peter's Anglican Church
Cemetery. Reception to follow at the
Church (downstairs). Memorial dona-
tions to the Haliburton Highlands
Health Services Foundation (HHHSF)
or to the Alzheimer's Society would
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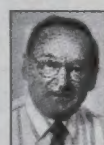
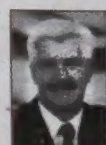
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